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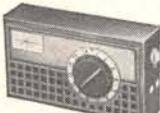
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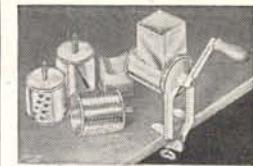
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summer home, my Cadillacs, my Winter-long vacations and my sense of independence—behind all the wealth of cash and deep inner satisfaction that I enjoy—there is one simple secret. It is this secret that I would like to impart to you. If you are satisfied with a humdrum life of service to another master, turn this page now—read no more. If you are interested in a fuller life, free from bosses, free from worries, free from fears, read further. This message may be meant for you.

**By Victor B. Mason**

something for nothing. I have never met a highly successful man whom the world respected who did not sacrifice something to gain his position. And, unless you are willing to make at least half the effort, I'm not interested in giving you a "leg up" to the achievement of your goal. Frankly, I'm going to charge you something for the secret I give you. Not a lot—but enough to make me believe that you are a little above the fellows who merely "wish" for success and are not willing to sacrifice something to get it.

## A Fascinating and Peculiar Business

I have a business that is peculiar—one of my businesses. The unusual thing about it is that it is needed in every little community throughout this country. But it is a business that will never be invaded by the "big fellows". It has to be handled on a local basis. No giant octopus can ever gobble up the whole thing. No big combine is ever going to destroy it. It is essentially a "one man" business that can be operated without outside help. It is a business that is good summer and winter. It is a business that is growing each year. And, it is a business that can be started on an investment so small that it is within the reach of anyone who has a television set. But it has nothing to do with television.

This business has another peculiarity. It can be started at home in spare time. No risk to present job. No risk to present income. And no need to let anyone else know you are "on your own". It can be run as a spare time business for extra money. Or, as it grows to the point where it is paying more than your present salary, it can be expanded into a full time business—overnight. It can give you a sense of personal independence that will free you forever from the fear of lay-off, loss of job, depressions, or economic reverses.

## Are You Mechanically Inclined?

While the operation of this business is partly automatic, it won't run itself. If you are to use it as a stepping stone to independence, you must be able to work with your hands, use such tools as hammer and screw driver, and enjoy getting into a pair of blue jeans and rolling up your sleeves. But two hours a day of manual work will keep your "factory" running 24 hours turn-

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## Does Happiness Hang on Your Decision?

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**VICTOR B. MASON**  
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I am printing my message in a magazine. It may come to the attention of thousands of eyes. But of all those thousands, only a few will have the vision to understand. Many may read; but of a thousand only you may have the intuition, the sensitivity, to understand that what I am writing may be intended for you—may be the tide that shapes your destiny, which, taken at the crest, carries you to levels of independence beyond the dreams of avarice.

Don't misunderstand me. There is no mysticism in this. I am not speaking of occult things; of innumerable laws of nature that will sweep you to success without effort on your part. That sort of talk is *rubbish!* And anyone who tries to tell you that you can *think* your way to riches without effort is a false friend. I am too much of a realist for that. And I hope you are.

I hope you are the kind of man—if you have read this far—who knows that anything worthwhile has to be *earned!* I hope you have learned that there is no reward without effort. If you have learned this, then you may be ready to take the next step in the development of your karma—you may be ready to learn and use the secret I have to impart.

## I Have All The Money I Need

In my own life I have gone beyond the need of money. I have it. I have gone beyond the need of gain. I have two businesses that pay me an income well above any amount I have need for. And, in addition, I have the satisfaction—the deep satisfaction—of knowing that I have put more than three hundred other men in businesses of their own. Since I have no need for money, the greatest satisfaction I get from life, is sharing my secret of personal independence with others—seeing them achieve the same heights of happiness that have come into my own life.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

Am interested in wood carving and note that you had a memo on it in "Letters to the Editor." Have just finished carving an oxen and ox cart and am looking for some practical projects. Do most of my work with an "Exacto" knife, but also have a set of carving knives. Wood carving is fascinating and can be done while you are sitting and relaxing.

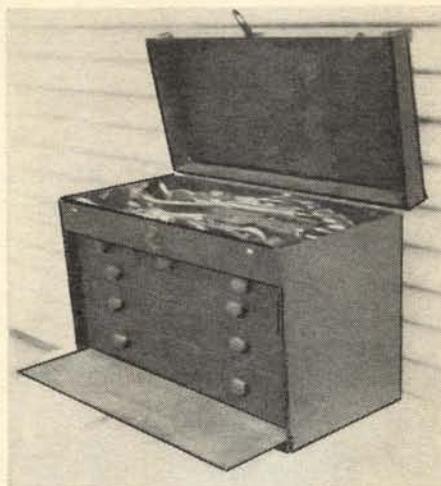
R. Hawthorne, Newark, Del.

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

We have received a number of letters asking for more information on wood carving. We are looking for someone to do a competent, complete article on wood carving and will feature it in a future issue of WORKBENCH.

Dear Sir:

I made a "hutch" from an old radio cabinet. The sides were cut with a Black and Decker saber saw and the top was run through a Shopsmith saw. The back and bottom are hardwood-faced plywood. The edges of the sides and the shelves are covered with Weldwood veneer strips to hide the edge grain. It is stained with walnut, then given a light coat of varnish. This was rubbed down with pumice and oil, then waxed. Harry Turville, San Diego, Calif.



Dear Mr. LeGrande:

Having just lately arrived at the age (75 yrs.) of forced retirement, I thought you might be interested in some of the projects I have made through the years.

R. A. Hill, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Of the many photographs of projects you sent, we have room for just one, the machinist's toolbox you say you have used since 1934. If enough readers are interested, Mr. Hill has offered to send us plans so that we can publish them. If more of you young readers have ideas, or clear photos of projects you have made, send them along.

Dear Mr. Hedden:

This is in reference to the article "Drill-Bit Maintenance" in the Jan.-Feb. issue. The table of drilling speeds for various materials to be drilled should be a handy reference for many "WORKBENCHERS," but you did not show how to convert drill speed in r.p.m. The following is a suggested addition:

$$\text{RPM} = 4 \times \frac{\text{cutting speed (ft./min.)}}{\text{dia. of drill (in.)}}$$

The 4 is approximate (actually 3.82) but accurate enough for shop use.

The recent improvement in WORKBENCH is appreciated.

Kenneth D. Peters, Navesink, N. J.

Thanks, Ken, for the formula. Any time any of you fellows have additional information for one of our articles, send it along. If it is usable, we will print it in this column.



Dear Mr. Turville:

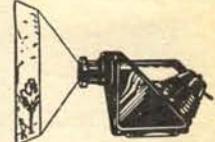
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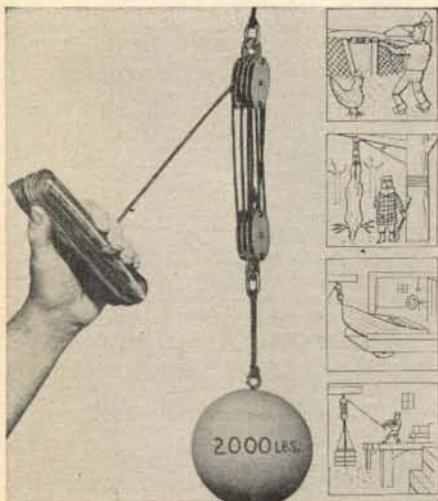
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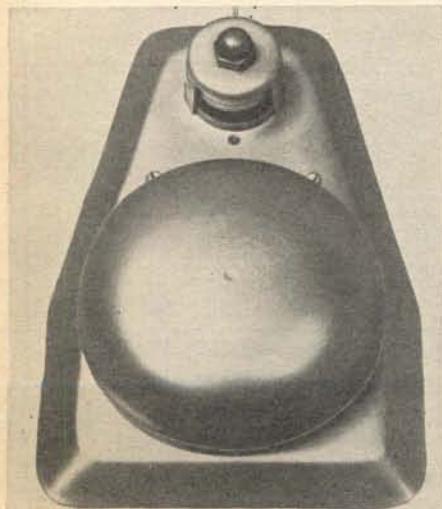
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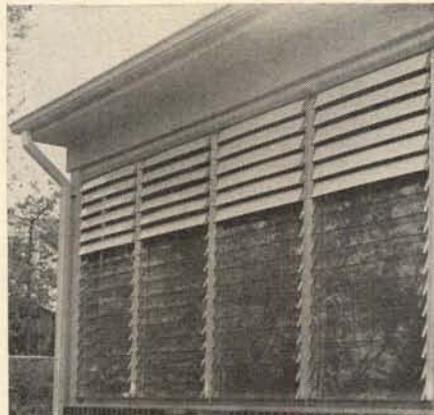
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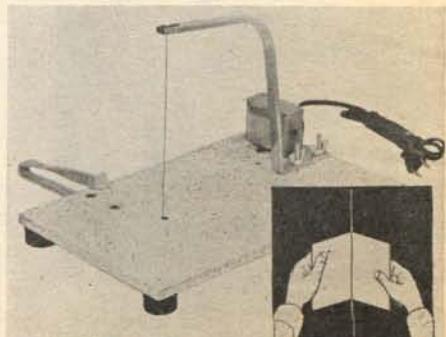
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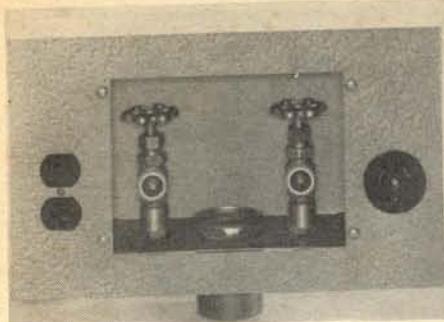
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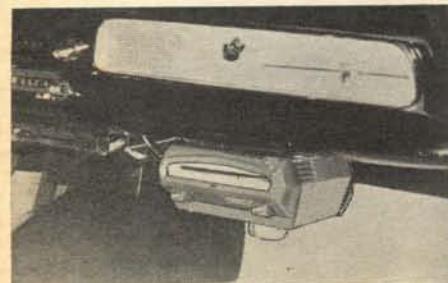
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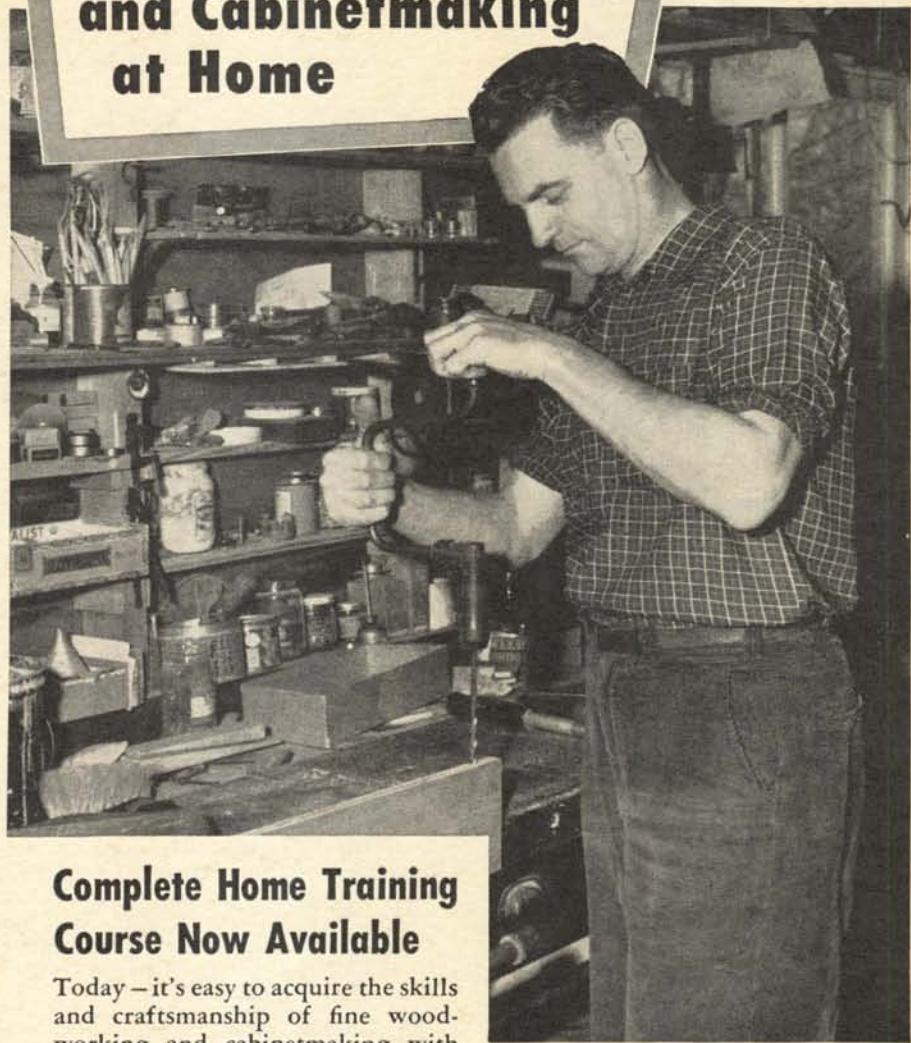
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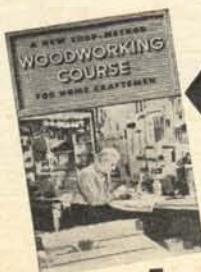
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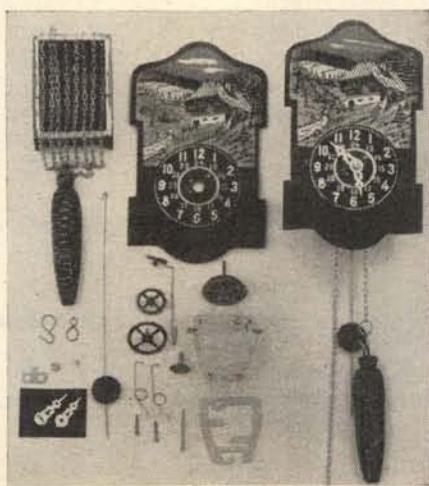


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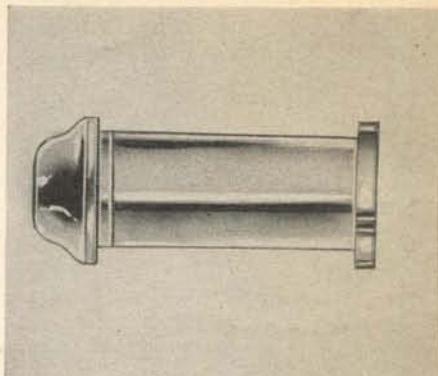
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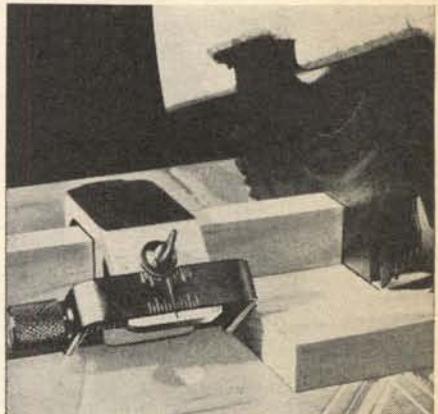
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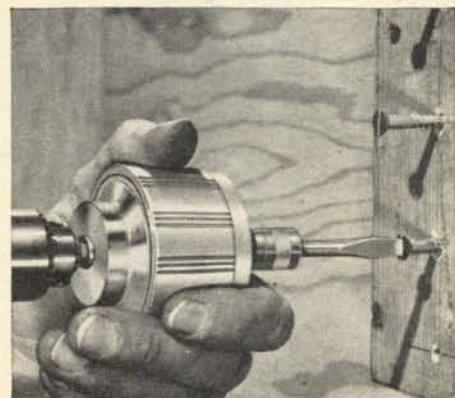
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# Build-It-Yourself Hi-Fi Furniture

FIG. 1. The finished Sieler Stereo Block will add beauty to any home, house all your hi-fi components.



ing the step-by-step instructions, we next applied the veneer strips on the edges of the plywood, Fig. 5. Installation of the Tambour doors was

next, then the slide-out shelf for the record player, Fig. 6. The lefthand side of the cabinet is fitted with a panel in which openings are cut for

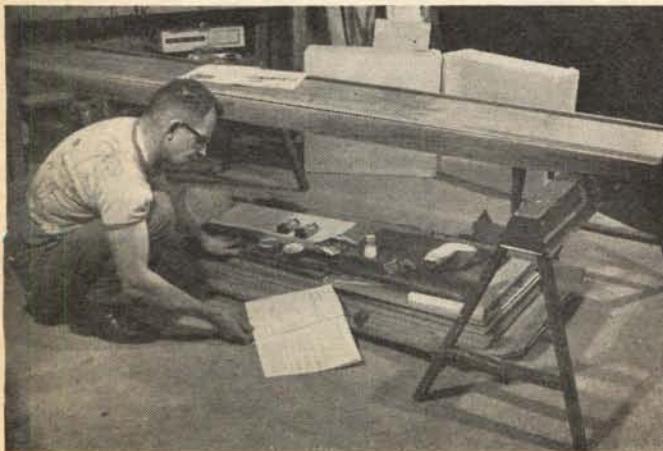


FIG. 2. Bench is finished, next step is components cabinet that starts with stack of parts and pieces. Instructions are explicit, given in clear step-by-step, illustrated booklet.



FIG. 3. "Dry-fitting" pieces together assures that you make no errors in assembly after glue is applied to all joints. Rough spots, tight fits, splinters are removed and corrected.

tuners, amplifiers, pre-amps, etc. Applying the hand-rubbed, 3-step oil finish was the final step for the components cabinet, Fig. 7.

Assembly of the speaker enclosures, Figs. 8 and 9, is similar to assembly of the center cabinet. After

the grille cloth is stapled over the cutout front panel, Fig. 9, it is fitted in place and held with screws. After the speakers are installed the back of each enclosure is slipped in place with sound-absorbing mats on the inside surfaces to assure distortion-

free sound.

After the hand-rubbed oil finish is applied, the Stereo Block has the glowing sheen that only a hand-rubbed finish can impart, and the furniture looks as though built by a master craftsman. △△

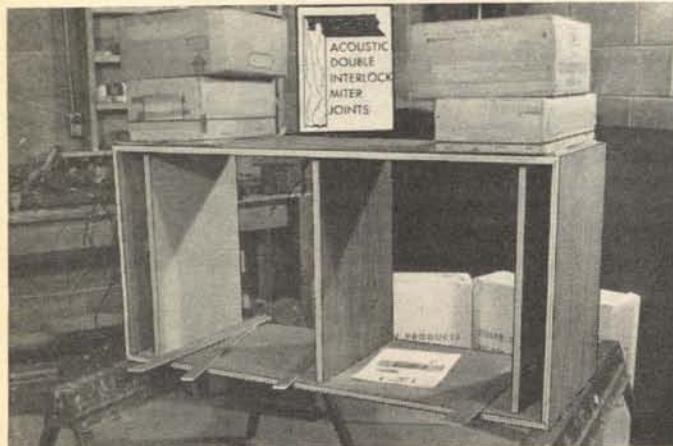


FIG. 4. After glue is applied and cabinet assembled, joints are tapped to tighten, then weights or clamps are applied. Double interlock miter joints, inset, require no nails or screws.



FIG. 6. Trim and stop strips are installed next, then shelf for record player is screwed into pre-drilled holes. Shelf moves on ball bearing tracks. Cutouts have not been made in lefthand panel.

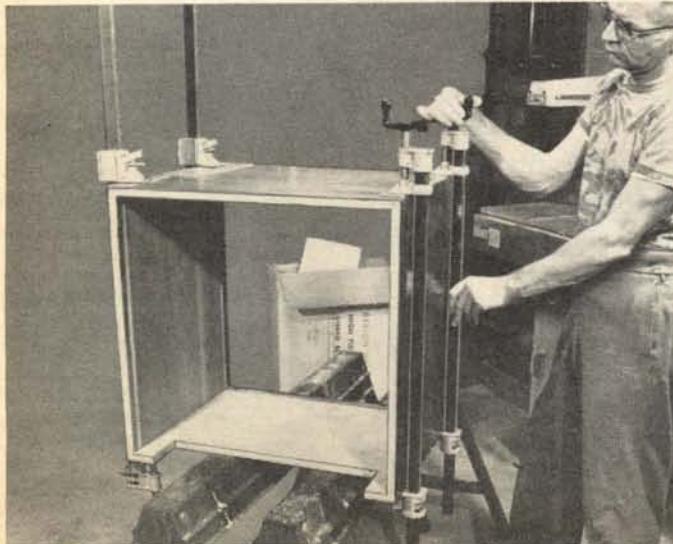


FIG. 8. Use of clamps, such as our Adjustable Clamp Co. bar clamps from the Model Shop are recommended. With these clamps you can apply pressure where needed, reduce each joint to a hairline.

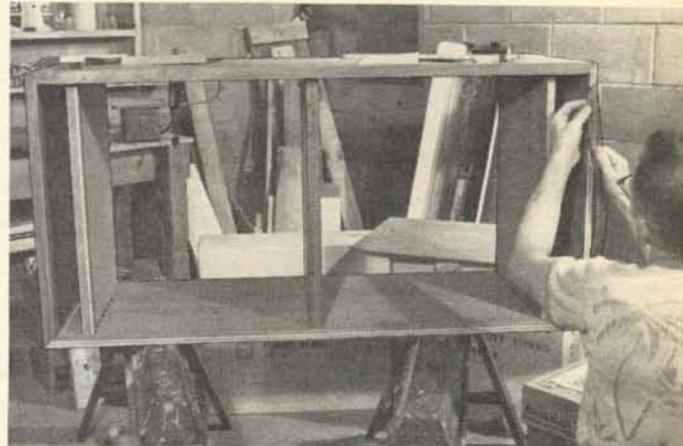


FIG. 5. Two layers of contact adhesive are applied to veneer tape and plywood edges, then tape is pressed into place. Projecting edges of tape then are trimmed flush and sanded with fine-grit paper.



FIG. 7. Oil-finish kit is available from Sieler, is applied in three steps with three different solutions. Sandpaper is used to apply second coat, steel wool used for third coat.

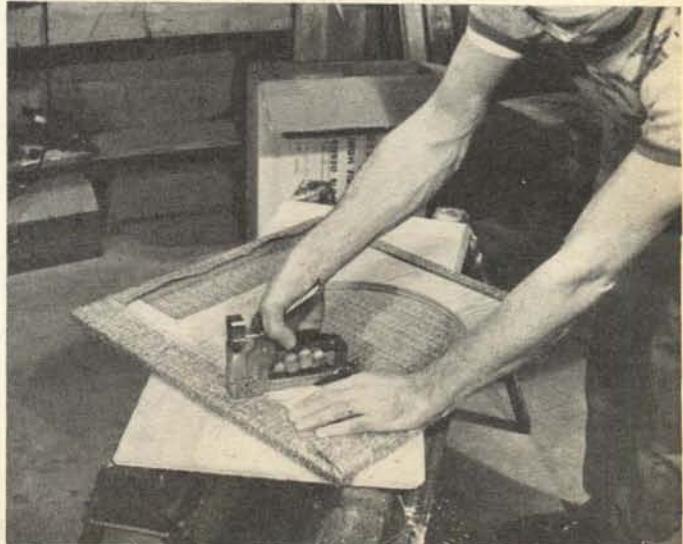


FIG. 9. Grille cloth (not supplied with kit, purchased locally to match a particular decor) is stapled over front panel of speaker enclosure, panel then is held by screws driven through strips inside cabinet.

# Build-Your-Own ELECTRONIC ORGAN



FIG. 1. "And he built it all himself," this proud wife is saying of her husband as she shows friends her beautiful electronic organ.

SEEMINGLY THE ULTIMATE in "electronic self-expression," building an electronic organ from a kit offers a real challenge to anyone who likes to do work requiring patient, meticulous craftsmanship. No more difficult to assemble from a kit than a hi-fi set, an electronic organ even can be made part of a hi-fi or stereo set by connecting the organ to play through it. Every part of an organ is included in the kits, Figs. 1, 9, and 13. Cabinets (consoles) may be obtained in a number of finishes, even special selections at moderate extra cost, or unfinished and ready for you to apply a finish of your own choice, Fig. 10. For the Artisan organ kit, Figs. 1 through 12, and the Schober, Figs. 1 through 8, available plans permit you to build your own organ console. In such a case you might want to modify the design of the console so it could be included in a "music wall," or "entertainment center," as found in some homes. All three companies

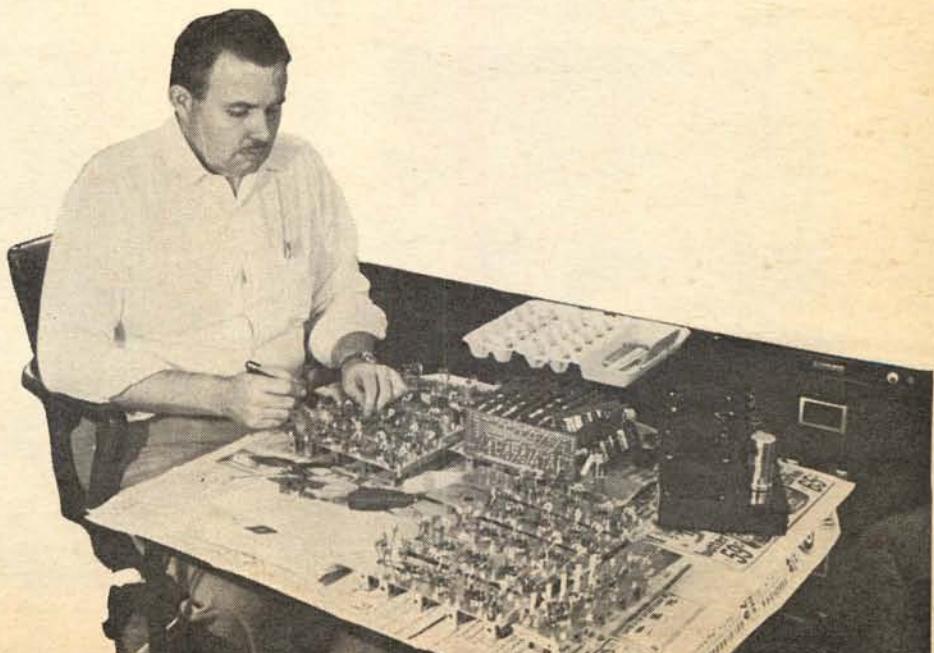


FIG. 2. Detailed instructions simplify the job, but there is need for patience and meticulous craftsmanship in assembling electronic organ.

named in this article make home-size electronic organ kits, and Schober and Artisan kits are available for church or auditorium-size electronic organs. While most of us will be interested primarily in home-size organs, the larger models will be of interest to church and club groups. Because the costs of the kits is one half, or less, the price of a factory-assembled unit, members of an organization can get together to buy and assemble a kit organ when a commercial unit is too expensive.

All three of the organs described in this article are completely electronic; no mechanical devices are used to produce organ tones or sounds. (The single exception here is for bell or chime sounds. Because of the unusual overtone structure of real chimes, the sounds cannot be reproduced electronically and it is necessary to produce the sounds in an almost traditional way. Metal rods in a cabinet are struck by small electro-magnetic hammers and the resulting sounds, which are inaudible outside the cabinet, then are picked up electrically and amplified by

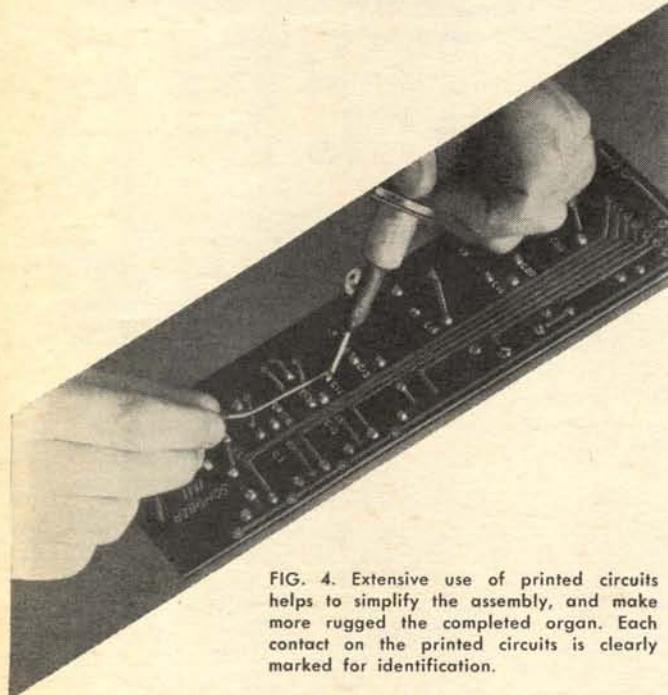


FIG. 4. Extensive use of printed circuits helps to simplify the assembly, and make more rugged the completed organ. Each contact on the printed circuits is clearly marked for identification.

FIG. 6. This is a single swell-manual, keyswitch assembly, consisting of 61 small printed-circuit boards made into switches that keys will operate.

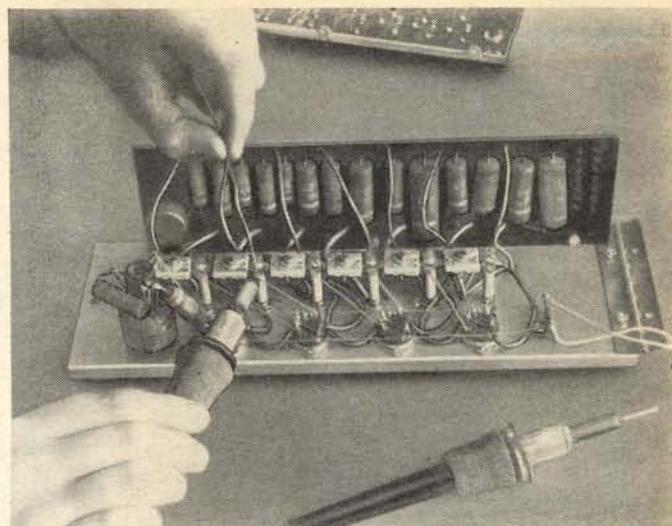
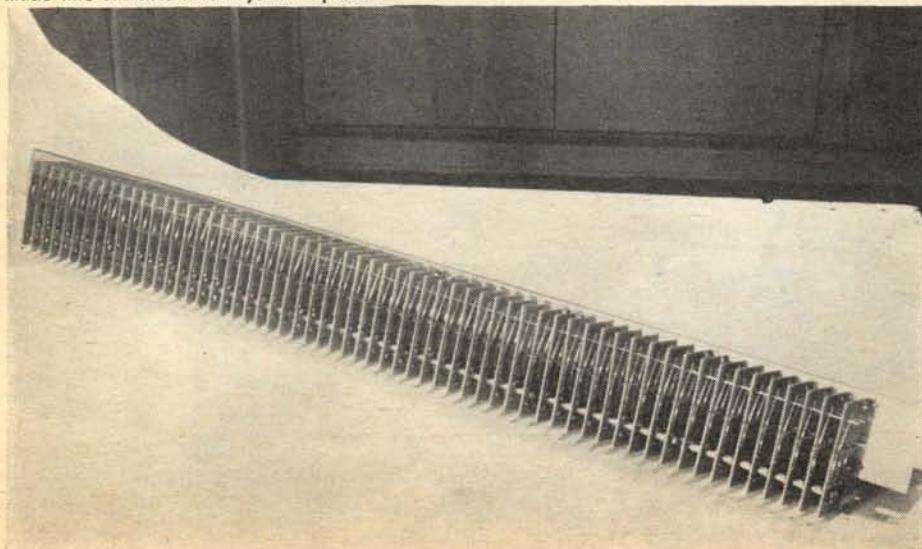


FIG. 3. Closeup of component from Schober organ shows complexity of individual unit, and the reason there is need for careful workmanship. Craftsman will find this work fascinating and rewarding.

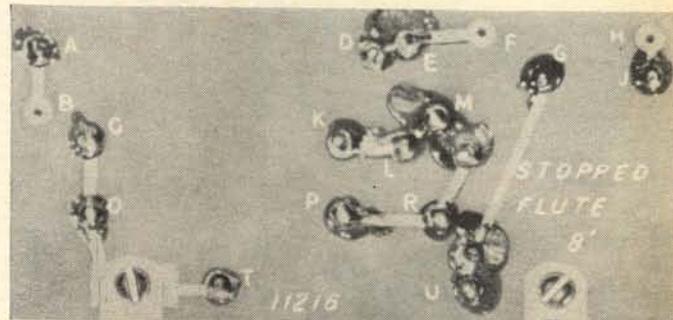


FIG. 5. Enlarged portion of one of the printed circuits shows even more clearly how each contact is identified, and the function of that part of the circuit named, as the 8-ft. stopped flute here.

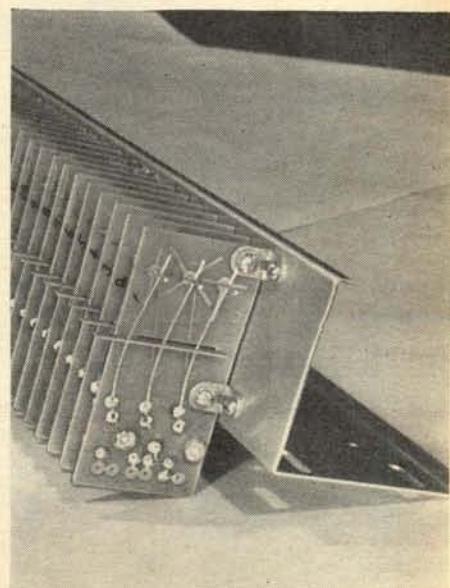


FIG. 7. Closeup of circuit board in swell manual shows three pairs of silver spring wires contacting gold-plated bus bars.

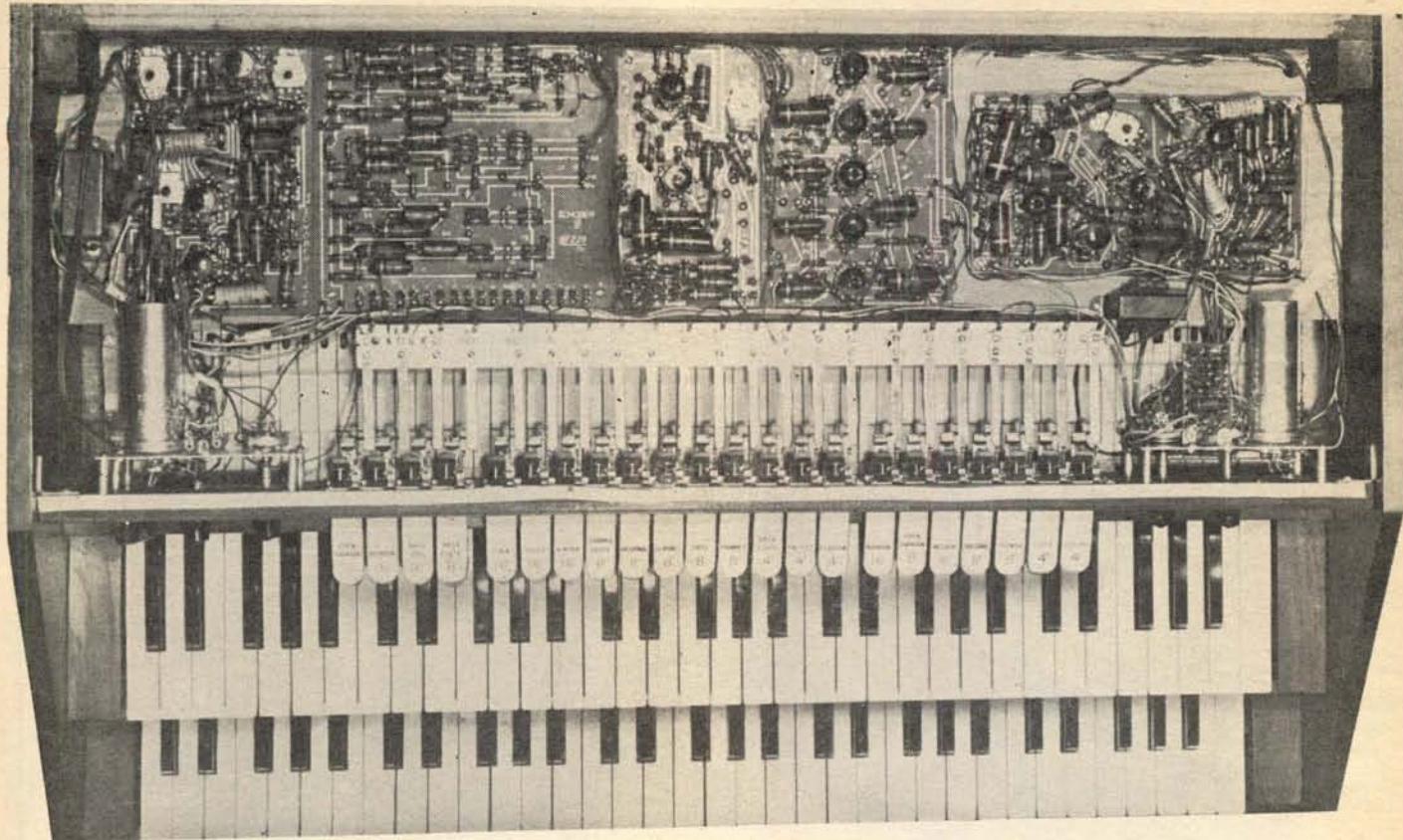


FIG. 8. This view, looking down on a Schober organ with the top removed, gives an idea of the complexity of the completed unit. Despite the seemingly intricate nature, detailed instructions with kit organs make them a simple step-by-step construction problem anyone can handle.



FIG. 9. Inventor Robert L. Eby is shown here with a "beginner's kit" for Artisan Organ. Insert shows full-size, two-manual organ.

the organ's preamplifier and heard through the organ loudspeakers. The chime unit is an extra-cost option that can be fitted on one end of the organ keyboard within easy reach. The chimes are especially delightful when used with Christmas music.)

There is considerable variation in the numbers of tone generators and other devices in the different organs, and each manufacturer can give valid reasons for his particular design. Personal preference will determine your own decision, and we invite you to write to the various manufacturers—their addresses are in advertisements in this issue—for further information. Demonstration records are available for a small fee, usually refunded with the first order, so that you can hear the



FIG. 10. This photo of woodworking shop shows several Artisan consoles under construction, before finish has been applied.



FIG. 11. Assembling an electronic organ is ideal way for man and wife to share interests, work together on a project that both will enjoy.



FIG. 12. Many a wife has become so fascinated that she has completed components of an electronic organ by herself. This is Artisan component.

sounds of a completed kit-built organ. We found the records a listening adventure and anyone who builds an organ can occasionally play the record—on his kit-built hi-fi set, of course—so that he can realize ahead of time how beautiful the organ he is building will sound.

If your wife complains about you spending so much time in your workshop, an electronic-organ kit might be the ideal item for you to build. Women have smaller hands and are more dexterous in fitting wires in radios and other electronic equipment—manufacturers of electronic equipment hire women for these jobs almost exclusively—and an interested wife might reduce construction time of an electronic organ considerably. It must be kept in mind that building an electronic organ calls for patience and perseverance. Figs. 2 through 8 and Figs. 14 through 17 show the many small parts and circuits that must be assembled and wired. There is a lot of time and a lot of work represented here. But, we must say this: A member of the staff is assembling an organ, and has found it so fascinating that he works far into the night on the task. Once you start construction of an electronic organ, you will find it more intensely interesting than a mystery novel, more exacting than the most precise machine work on a lathe, but more rewarding than any other do-it-yourself project that we have seen. Tools required for constructing an electronic organ are few. Primarily you will need a small soldering iron—instructions may require a specific type to fulfill the requirements of a warranty or guarantee—rosin-core solder, (this is an absolute must for any soldering of electronic circuits, as acid-core solder will corrode a connection in time and make a break in the circuit) plus a screw driver and pliers. Side-cutting or diagonal-cutting pliers are needed for cutting wires, and a wire stripper, such as the Vaco tool in the Model Shop, simplifies stripping insulation from the ends of wires. Our Champion-DeArment electronic pliers are designed especially for this type of work, and if you plan on building an electronic organ, it would be worth your while to have them. They can be used for dozens of other jobs after you have finished assembling the organ. As with any job, assembling electronic components is easier with the right kind of tools.

The electronic impulses in the organ must be changed to sound by means of preamplifiers and amplifiers and loudspeakers, just as the sounds from records and radio tuners are. Some types of organs have loudspeakers and other equipment built into the console, others use an



FIG. 13. This is completely assembled "Musicraft" electronic organ, available in kit form from National Sonics Corp. It will beautify any home.

exterior speaker. In most cases the organ can be wired to play through a hi-fi or stereo set, for better distribution of sound, and also to save the cost of the components. Thus, if you have a hi-fi set, the cost of a kit-built electronic organ immediately is less than if you do not. If you have no interest in owning either a hi-fi or stereo set, quality speakers and amplifiers are available from the manufacturers of the kit organs. Should you assemble an organ and have trouble, the instruction sheets

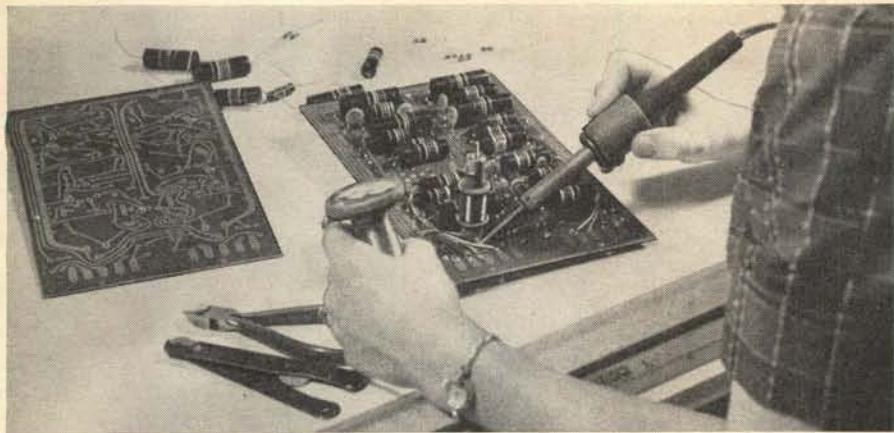


FIG. 14. Extensive use of printed circuitry is feature of all kit-built electronic organs. Here one of six dual-note tone generator boards for Musicraft organ is being assembled by housewife.



FIG. 15. Back of organ here is open to show bass-speaker opening, tone-generator panel folded down for access to keyboard plugs.



FIG. 16. One of final steps in assembly of electronic organ is fitting pre-drilled and finished foot pedals in place. This set is for electronic organ that is shown in Fig. 13.

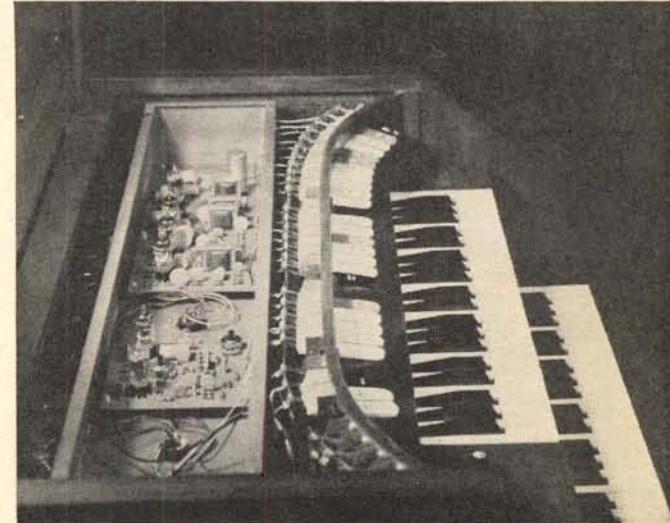


FIG. 17. This photo shows bus amplifier, pedal-tone generator and all stop filters and switches, looking at Musicraft organ with top pivoted up and back out of way.

with the organs tell you where to write for help. The help is given at no cost in most cases. All you need do is tell them how the organ is acting, and, with their experience the engineers of the manufacturers can pin-point the trouble and tell you how to correct it. Your first job with an electronic-organ kit is to open all packages and inven-

tory the contents. Any parts that are missing will be supplied; any parts that you damage will be provided at a specific price.

Follow the instructions closely, have patience and perseverance and you will be the owner of a beautiful electronic musical instrument. △△

## Book Reviews

**ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR MODERN FIREARMS**  
Gun Digest Co.  
227 W. Washington St., Chicago 6, Ill.

**CONTAINING OVER 1,600** drawings, photos, cutaways and blueprints of shotguns, rifles and handguns, this book has over 1,000 pages, weighs 8 lb. A must for the bookshelf of a gun fancier.

**IDEAS FOR STORAGE IN YOUR HOME**  
Lane Publishing Co.,  
Menlo Park, Calif., \$1.75.

THIS BOOK of ideas shows by sketch, photo and description how to build and plan storage areas in a home.

Described is method of evaluating factory-built units, as well as how to build your own storage walls, dividers, etc. Includes 350 photos.

**CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL FURNITURE**  
by Verne Weeks  
Bruce Publishing Co.,  
400 N. Broadway, Milwaukee 1, Wis.

CONTAINED IN this book are detailed instructions and photos for making 32 pieces of furniture of Early American, Duncan Phyfe and Contemporary designs. If you like building furniture, this book belongs in your workshop library.



**"Yes, Here It Is Grace, It's 2 Sand, 3 Gravel, and One Cement."**

# Short-Wave Radio Kit



Finished and tested, the short-wave set is plugged in and humming. Just a turn of the dial brings in voices from Russia, South America and a jumble of static that says South Africa.



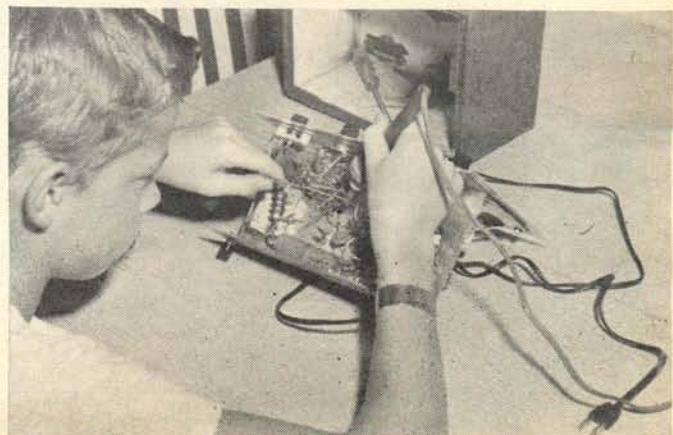
"Now, just what are all these strange little parts, and what do those odd terms mean?" this young fellow is musing. Kit is ideal way of learning rudiments of electronics.



It is not too long before even the beginner works more quickly and with confidence, as he learns difference between resistors, capacitors and other units that combine to make a radio.



Well illustrated, step-by-step directions are easy to follow, but require concentration by this youngster in his first contact with the fascinating complexities of electronics.



Dad checks out the first few solder jobs on the connections, then the young electronics engineer is on his own. Set was finished in two evenings, operated perfectly on first try.

IS IT TRUE that anyone can assemble electronic kits, as the advertisements say? Well, we know that a 13-year-old youngster can assemble one. Our test was to give this young man a Knight-Kit Space Spanner radio kit and tell him to build it. In two evenings he assembled the set completely with no help, other than a check of his first few soldered connections. The Space Spanner sells for less than \$20, has a selector switch for both broadcast and short-wave bands and is complete with its own attractive plastic-covered case. Headphone connectors at rear of set permit use of headphones for private listening, cutout switch provides instant control for private or nonprivate listening by cutting speaker in or out. Instruction booklet explains principles of radio, tells how to set up antenna for best short-wave reception. This kit is sold by Allied Radio of Chicago, and is listed in their catalog, available by writing to them. Their address is listed at the end of the Hi-Fi article.



## HI-FI SETS

**From Low-Cost Kits**

THERE ARE FEW activities that give more pleasure and genuine relaxation than listening to good music. Fig. 1, no matter whether you consider "good" to mean the classics, Dixieland jazz or contemporary melodies. A collection of records or tapes is the usual method of having a selection of music to fit our individual moods, while there are FM radio stations, and even a few AM stations that also have "listenable" music. Stations that can be received by an ordinary radio are AM (Amplitude Modulation), while FM (Frequency Modulation) stations require a special type receiver. The increasing popularity of FM stations is due to the fact that they have a minimum of commercials, play good music almost constantly, and are static-free even during thunderstorms, so their broadcast signals are truer.

No matter what the source of music, a hi-fi (short for high fidelity) set is required for the most faithful reproduction of the music originally recorded. A hi-fi set consists of several components. First, a program source, whether a record turntable, a tape deck, an AM tuner or FM tuner, or combination AM-FM tuner, is required. The electronic signal produced then is fed to a preamplifier, which strengthens the signal. The increased signal then goes to an amplifier that strengthens the signal even more, so that it now can be channeled to loudspeakers that change the electronic signal mechanically.



1. Kit-built units from several companies, speaker enclosures built from plans are in this setup. Builder is all set for relaxing listening.

into sound. This seemingly complicated array of components can be assembled from kits by anyone who can handle a soldering iron, screw driver and pliers. Staff members who had no previous electronic knowledge put together kits from Allied Radio, Heath Co., Dynaco and Eico. Examination of kits from other companies showed them also simple to assemble. Loudspeakers for the kit-assembled hi-fi set were fitted in enclosures made in the WORKBENCH Model Shop, from plans such as are available from several speaker and kit manufacturers. A major advantage of building hi-fi sets from kits is that you can save up to half the price of a comparable factory-assembled unit. Accurately written and well illustrated instructions, Figs. 2 and 3, are the primary reason that hi-fi, and other electronic kits can be assembled so easily. Only soldering skill is required, and correct-soldering techniques are included in assembly instructions packed with each kit.

Patience is required and you must be fairly meticulous. Each assembly step is listed, and when it is done, is checked off. When you receive your kit, first empty all packages and check each item against the parts list, Fig. 2. Instructions with the kits tell what to do if parts are missing or have been damaged. You will need a small soldering iron. Pliers and a screw driver are the other tools required. Not all kits include solder, so a roll of rosin-core solder is needed. It must be **rosin-core** solder; the use of acid-core solder, or solder and paste flux, will void any warranty on a kit. A kitchen table, or card table, will provide the work space you need if you have no workshop. Layers of newspaper prevent hot solder from damaging the table. The boxes in which the parts were packed, and the lids, may be used to keep the parts sorted, Figs. 2 and 3, or egg cartons can be utilized for keeping the parts separated.

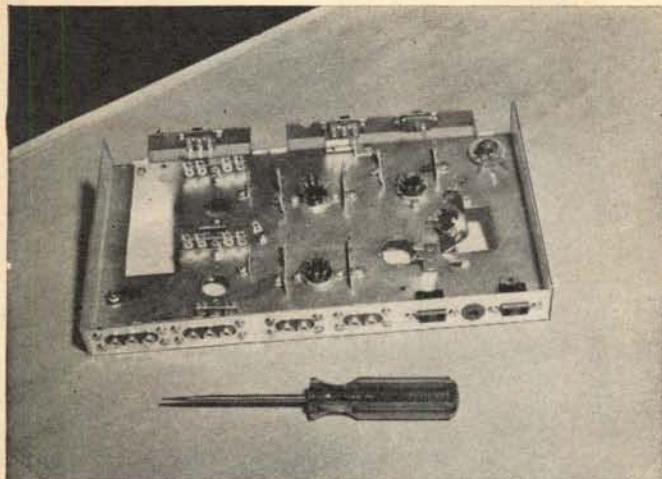
Actual assembly of the hi-fi component (preamp, amplifier, or tuner) usually begins by bolting various items to the chassis, Fig. 4. In the process of installing various parts you will begin to get a familiarity with electronic terms and will soon know what an "octal"



2. Very first step in assembling hi-fi from kit is to make accurate inventory of parts. Missing or broken items should be listed and seller notified so items can be replaced before you start assembly.



3. Clear step-by-step instructions with excellent illustrations of assemblies being described make assembly of hi-fi kits a simple job. Note full-size illustration of the unit being assembled.



4. Screw driver and small wrench or pliers are used for much of assembly, as here, where units are being attached to the chassis. Chassis are preformed, all openings cut to size for installations.

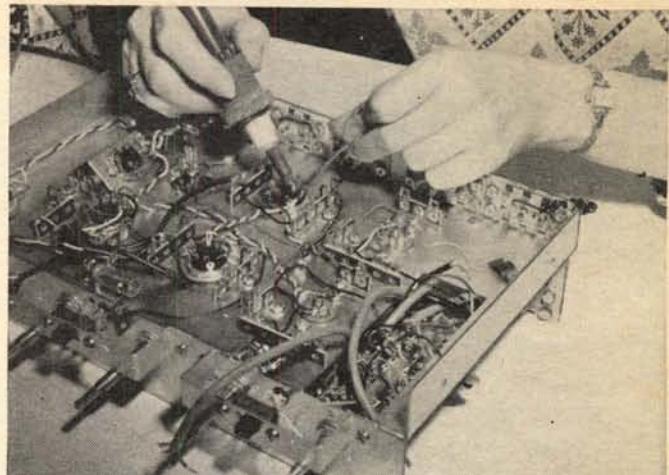
socket is, and the difference between resistors and capacitors. (See glossary of terms on page 50-51.) Connecting wires to various units and soldering them, Figs. 5 and 6, are the last steps before fitting the chassis in a case and putting on a cover, Figs. 7 and 8. You will want to test-operate the unit before fitting the cover, and if you have any trouble, there is a trouble-shooting list in the instructions to aid you. When you have real problems, you can correspond with the kit manufacturer, and even send your set in for a checkup at a moderate charge.

Although the metal cabinets for the components look well with modern decor, wooden "slip-on" covers are available to fit other types of furnishings. Speakers are the last items you purchase, then enclosures for them are built or bought (see "Hi-Fi Furniture" in this issue) and you can start enjoying music. Kits are available at various prices and forms. For example, some tuners are combined with an amplifier to reduce both the cost and required space. Because of the great variety, we suggest you contact the following companies for information: Allied Radio Corp. (Knight-Kits), 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.

Burstein-Applebee Co., 1012-14 McGee St., Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dynaco, (Dynakits), 617 N. 41st St., Phila. 4, Pa.  
Electronic Instrument Co., (Eico), 33-00 Northern Blvd., Long Island City 1, N.Y.

Electro-Voice, Inc., Buchanan, Mich.  
Heath Co., (Heathkits), Benton Harbor, Mich.



5. Wife or daughter is ideal helper for job of wiring and soldering many connections required in hi-fi assembly. Here the lady is working on the "spaghetti" on the underside of the chassis; one of the tube sockets.

Lafayette Radio, 165-08 Liberty Ave., Jamaica 33, N.Y.  
Paco Electronics Co., 70-31 84th St., Glendale 27, Long Island, N.Y.

Radio Shack Corp., 730 Commonwealth Ave., Boston 17, Mass. △ △



6. When the work is done on the underside of the chassis, it is turned over and work on top is done. Note that near unit is the assembly first shown being put together in Fig. 3. Other units also are preassembled.

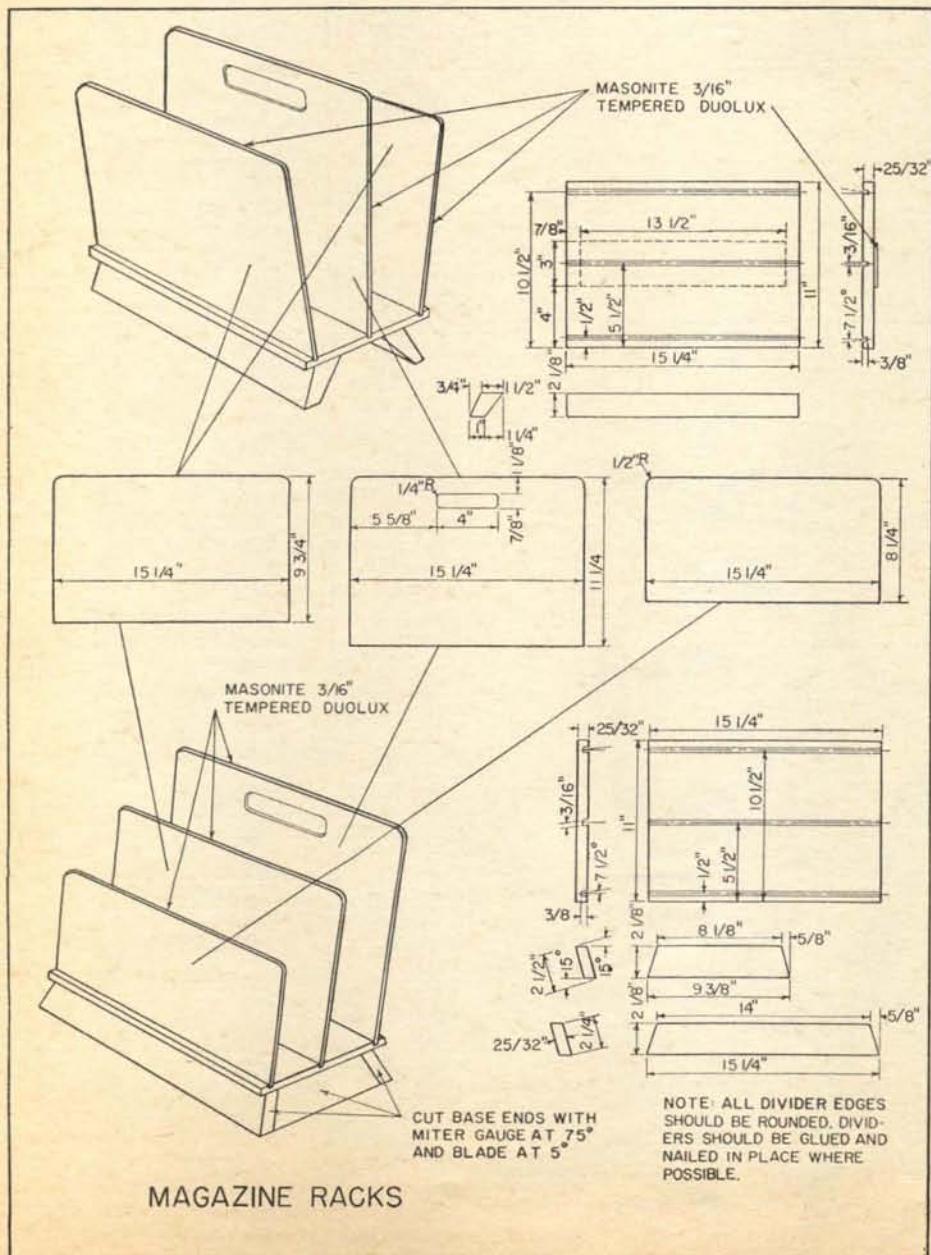


7. Last stage in assembly of kit-built hi-fi unit is fitting on knobs, inserting tubes, checking to see that there are no unsoldered connections.



8. Perforated-metal cover completes attractive appearance of hi-fi component, wooden covers are available for units to match a decor.

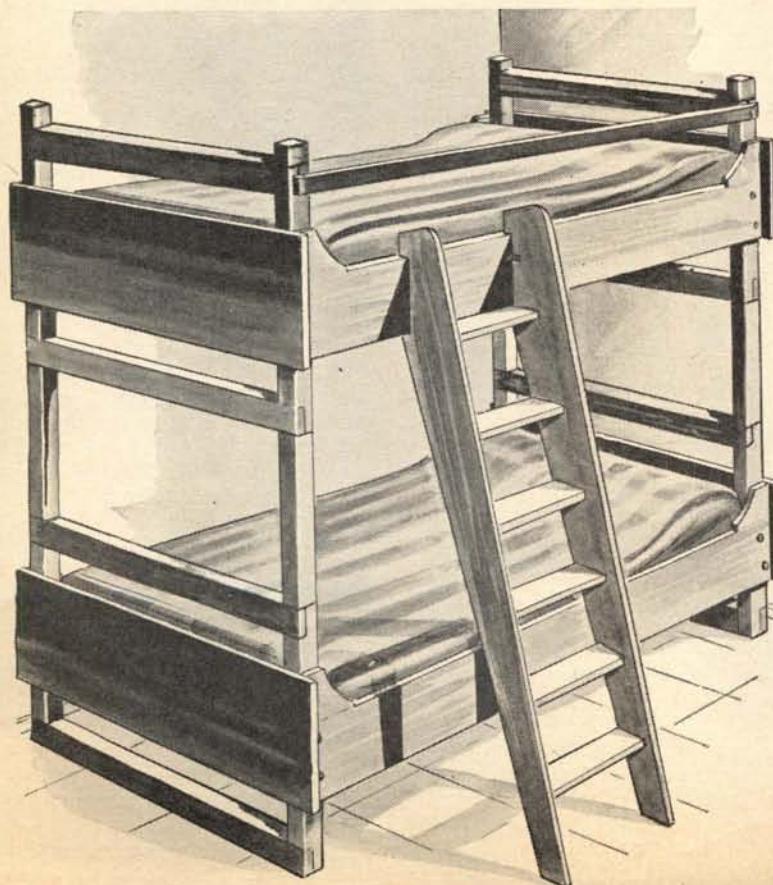
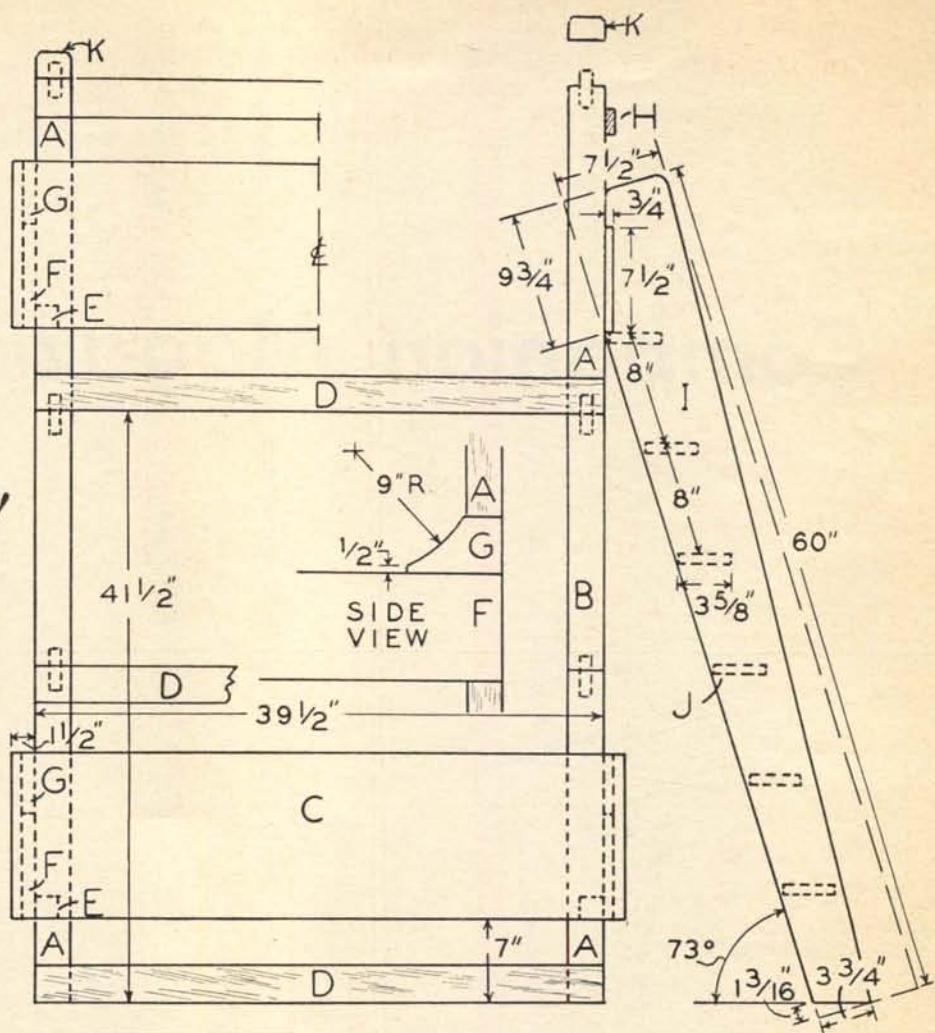
# Companion Magazine Racks



TWO SIMILAR styles of magazine racks can be made by the craftsman as companion projects, as the construction is similar and the materials list almost identical. Both plans call for accuracy of adjustment in setting a table or radial-arm saw to cut the kerfs in the bases in which the dividers are fitted, and to cut the compound miters on the ends of the base members. In each case, the dividers, Masonite 3/16-in. Tempered Duolux, are set in saw kerfs cut in a wooden base 25/32-in. thick, (the actual thickness of 1-in. stock). Divider edges are rounded with a sander or a block and sandpaper before being nailed in place. Varnish can be applied.

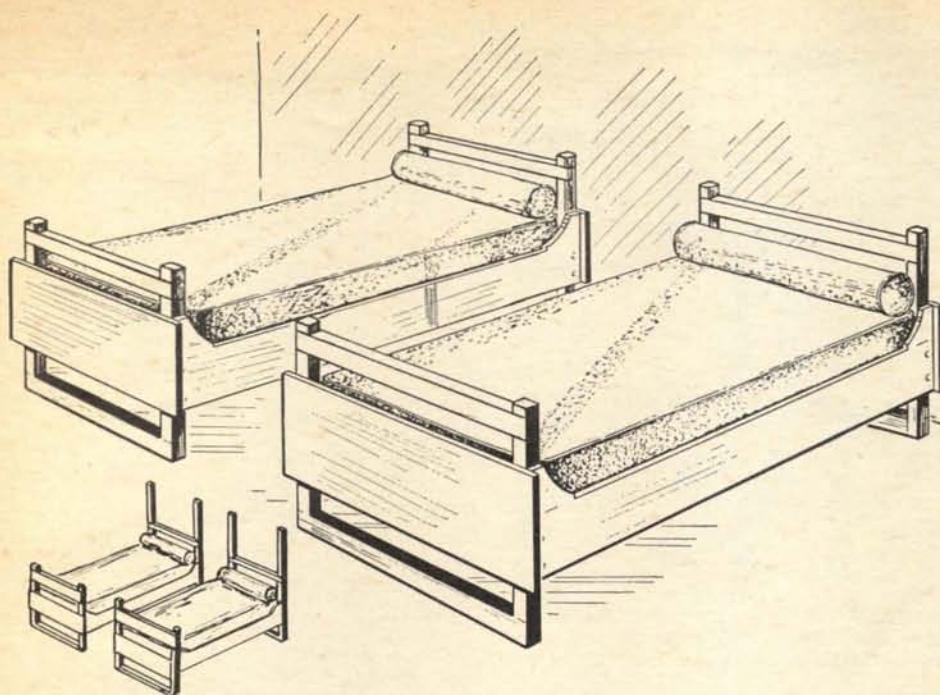
Full details are given in the accompanying plan, and one of the completed magazine racks is shown in the photograph.

# Contemporary Bunk Beds



SIMPLE ENOUGH IN DESIGN to be built with hand tools, this bunk-bed set in contemporary styling is sturdy enough to be used in the children's room, a vacation cabin or even in a fall-out shelter. Start by cutting the parts to the dimensions given in the Materials List, using well-seasoned hardwood with a pleasing grain pattern. Draw guide lines for screw holes at all joint positions, and assemble all permanent joints with glue and wood screws. Countersink screw and nail heads so they can be covered with wood filler. Rails (G-F) join head and foot units with bolts, so the beds may be disassembled. Brass wood screws are used on the safety rail.

Alternate designs are given. If you wish to use the beds as low, single beds, four separate "B" posts are cut. These posts are fitted between the upper and lower "A" members on dowels and are reinforced with mending plates. Energetic youngsters might loosen such a double-joint setup, so an alternate method is to make the lower "A" and "B" members one piece. When these beds are used as twin beds, one end of the upper bed is switched with an end of the lower bed so that each unit



has a high headboard, as in the small illustration.

Bore holes in posts for bolts that hold rails "F." Join end rails "D" to posts with half-lap joints. Mount head and footboards so they project  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. beyond posts and locate mending plates on inside of posts. Next, edge-glue pieces "G" and "F" using nails with heads cut off to "pin" them together in alignment. Bore holes in the rails to match those in the posts and attach slat rails "E" to the rails, flush to the bottoms. Space screws equidistant along the slat rails and drive them through from the inside. Bolt rails to posts, then glue dowels in upper ends of all posts. Square caps now are fitted on the dowels of the upper bed, while the dowels in the lower bed receive the lower ends of the "B" posts fitted between the beds, or alternately, when "A-B" posts are used, the lower ends of the upper bedposts fit on the dowels of the "A-B" posts. A spare set of four caps should be made and stored away for use when the bunk beds are used as twin beds. Mending plates, bolt heads and steel angles are painted with brown enamel of a color that closely approximates the color of the stain used on the wood.

Standard springs and mattresses can be used, or slats fitted across the slat rails will permit using smaller spring-and-mattress sets.

#### Materials List

Oak, birch or other suitable hard-wood solid stock:

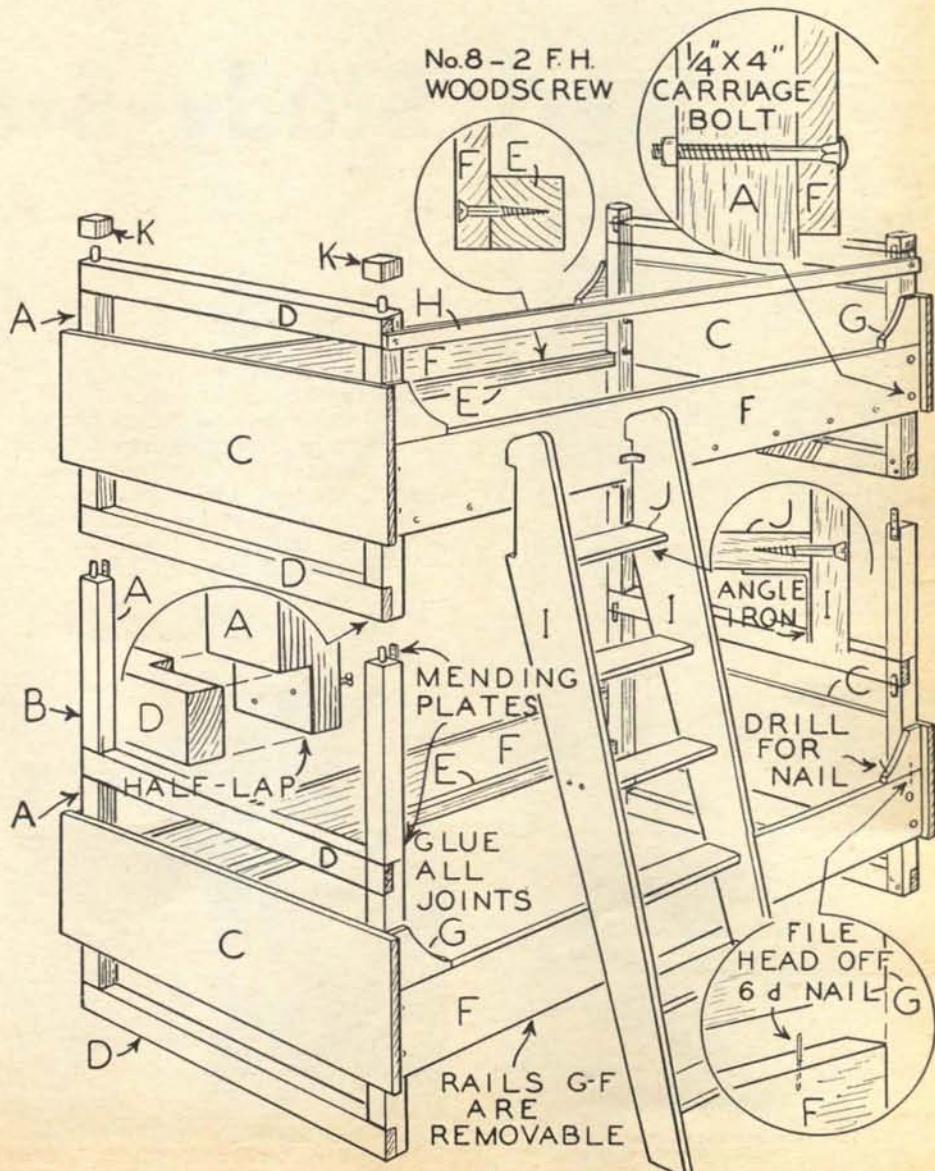
A 8 Posts  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $25\frac{1}{2}$ "

B 4 Posts  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $16"$

(Alternate design requires 4 A Posts, 4 A-B Posts. Latter are  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $41\frac{1}{2}$ ")

C 4 Head and footboards  
 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $42\frac{1}{2}$ "

D	8 End rails $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $39\frac{1}{2}$ "
E	4 Slat rails $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x $73\frac{3}{4}$ "
F	4 Side rails $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $79"$
G	8 Tops of side rails $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $4$ " x $6\frac{5}{8}$ "
H	1 Safety rail $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x $79"$
I	Ladder sides $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x $60"$
J	6 Steps $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $15"$
K	4 Caps $2$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ "
Miscellaneous:	
4- $\frac{7}{8}$ " x $4$ " Mending plates	
14- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " Inside-corner steel angles	
16- $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $4$ " Carriage bolts	
6 doz.- $2$ " No. 8 flathead wood screws	
2- $1\frac{3}{4}$ " No. 8 roundhead brass wood screws	
6d finishing nails	
Glue	



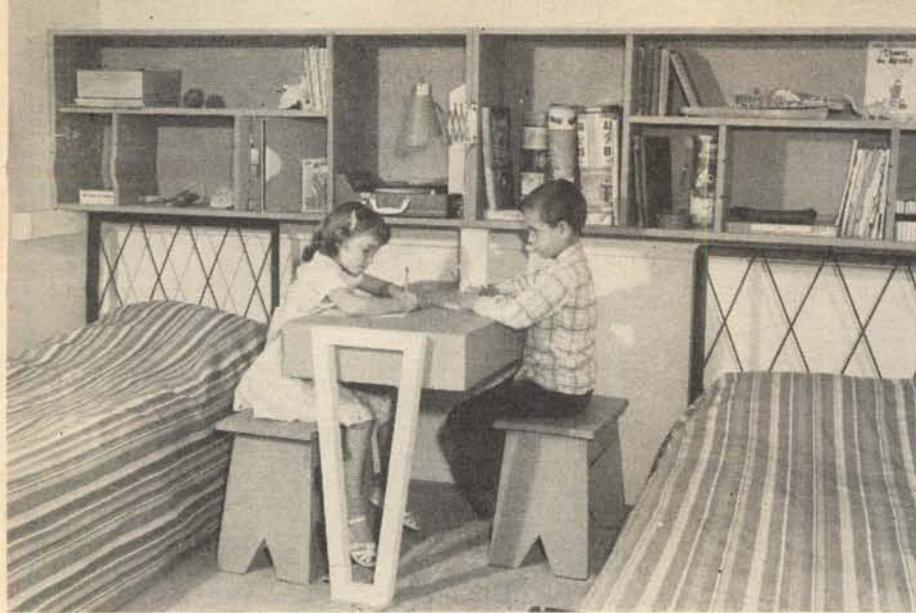


FIG. 1. Only desk requires floor space when unit is completed. Benches store under the desk when not in use. A drawer on each side of the desk is used by the youngster who has that side of the room, and shelf area on that side of the room.

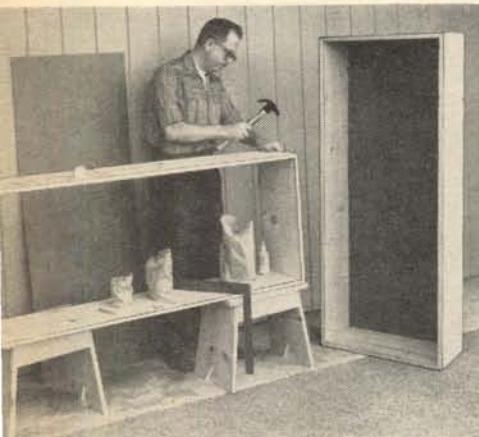


FIG. 2. Storage benches are built first, so they can be used as handy supports when constructing the other units.



FIG. 3. Drawer runners are nailed and glued to blocks so their lower surfaces are flush with the bottom of the desk.

## Study-Storage Wall

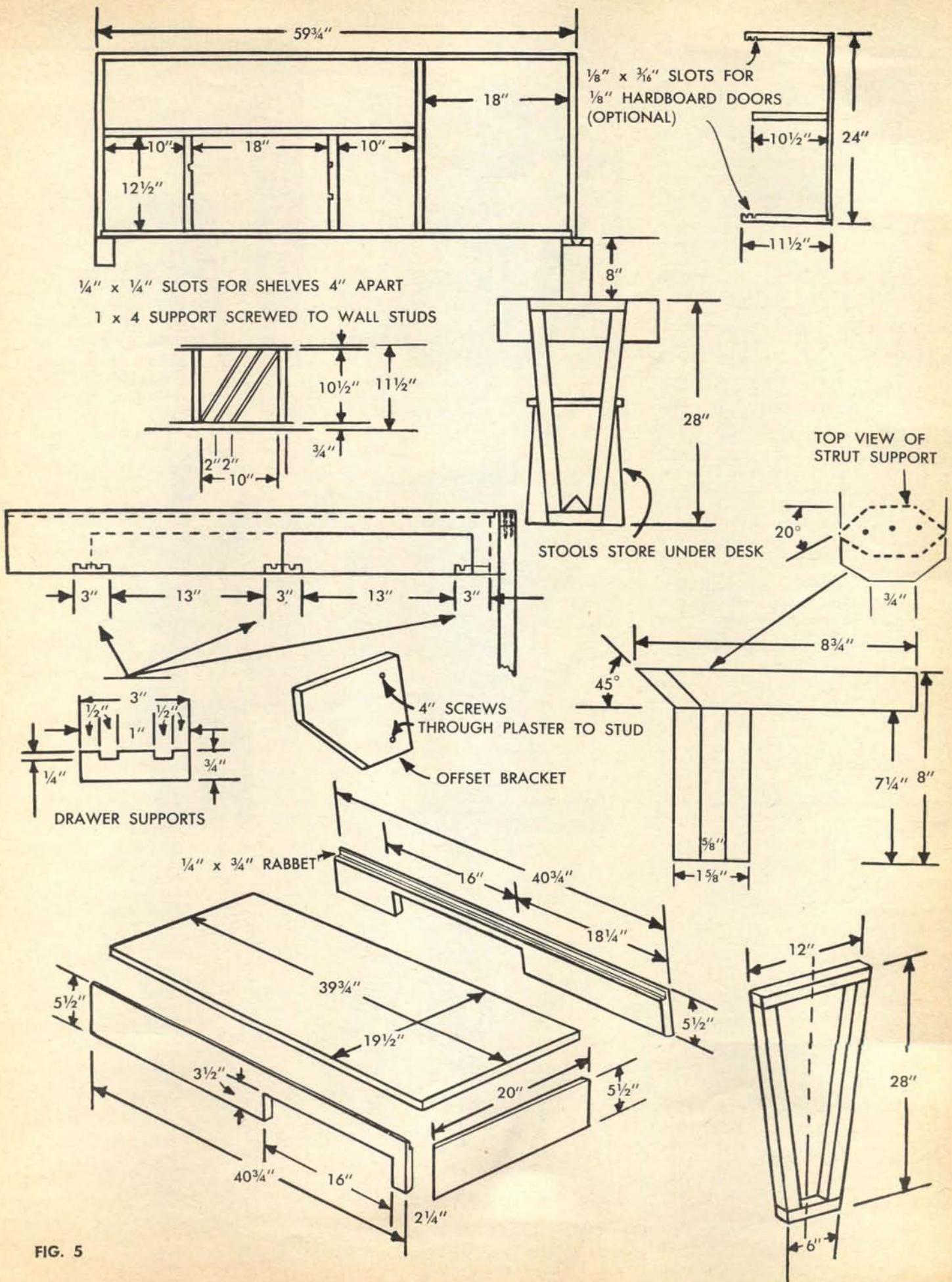
HERB SHANNON

BUILT AS a solution to lack of play and storage space in a bedroom just 10 x 12 ft. that already contained two single beds and a chest of drawers, this study-storage wall requires only slight modification to be used in other rooms in the home, Fig. 1. First step in construction is to build the two storage benches, lefthand detail, Fig.



FIG. 4. Two 3½-in.-long wood screws driven into a wall stud are sufficient to hold offset bracket supporting desk.

9, which then can be used as handy supports for constructing the shelf and desk units, Figs. 2 and 3. The benches are cut from 1 x 12 pine stock, with  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hardboard being used for the bottom of the storage compartments beneath the hinged tops. The sides of the desk, lower detail, Fig. 5, also are cut from 1-in. stock, but the top is cut from  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. plywood. Note that the design of the desk is such that a drawer pulls out on each side so that each child has one for himself, Fig. 3 and 6. The single leg of the desk, Fig. 5, is formed by gluing and nailing together stock made by ripping a 2 x 4 in half lengthwise. This leg is glued and nailed flush with the top of the desk and the desk then is leveled with one end against the wall, Fig. 6. This permits marking on the wall the position of the top of the offset bracket which supports the wall end of the desk. The bracket is detailed in Fig. 5, and is used to provide a support that can be nailed to a single wall stud. Dimensions must be changed to suit an individual situation, so no dimensions are given. After the bracket is spiked or screwed to the stud, Fig. 4, the end of the desk then is nailed to it, Fig. 6. The shelf units, Figs. 2, 5 and 8, are



cut from 1 x 12 material and assembled with glue and nails. Backs of the units are  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hardboard (Masonite). Grooves were sawed in the top and bottom members of the original unit to accept sliding doors of  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hardboard, which is an optional feature. Grooves  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$  in. were sawed horizontally in some of the vertical members for possible insertion of shelves cut from  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood at a later date. The record compartment in the lefthand unit uses  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hardboard dividers to permit storing 12-in. records in a shelf only  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. deep, Figs. 1 and 5. To support the shelf units on the wall, a length of 1 x 4 is nailed to the wall with its upper edge 8 in. above the top of the desk. Short lengths of 2 x 4 are nailed to the side wall at the same level, Fig. 8, to support the ends of the units. A "strut" at the center of the desk, Fig. 7, supports the inner ends of the shelf units. The strut consists of a length of 1 x 4 cut with a 45-deg. bevel to match the shape of a 2 x 4 that has four bevels cut on it with the saw set at 20 deg., Fig. 5. One end of the strut is nailed to a notch cut in the 1x 4 on the wall, Fig. 7, the other to the 2 x 4 upright. Two screws are driven up through the desk top into the 2 x 4. The completed shelf units now can be fitted in place and nailed to the wall supports. It is easier to paint the units before fitting them in place. In the matter of changing the length of the shelf units to fit a particular length of wall, keep the total length of the two units  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. shorter than the length of the wall. A gap of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. at each end of the units will not be noticeable, but  $1/16$  in. too much length will result in broken plaster, or worse. △ △

FIG. 8. Shelf units are painted before being positioned on supports and nailed in place. All units can be painted beforehand.



FIG. 6. Desk is nailed to wall cleat after leg is attached. Level is used to determine location of wall bracket that supports desk.



FIG. 7. Top piece of center support strut is nailed in notch cut in 1 x 4 strip nailed to wall. Shelves set on strip.

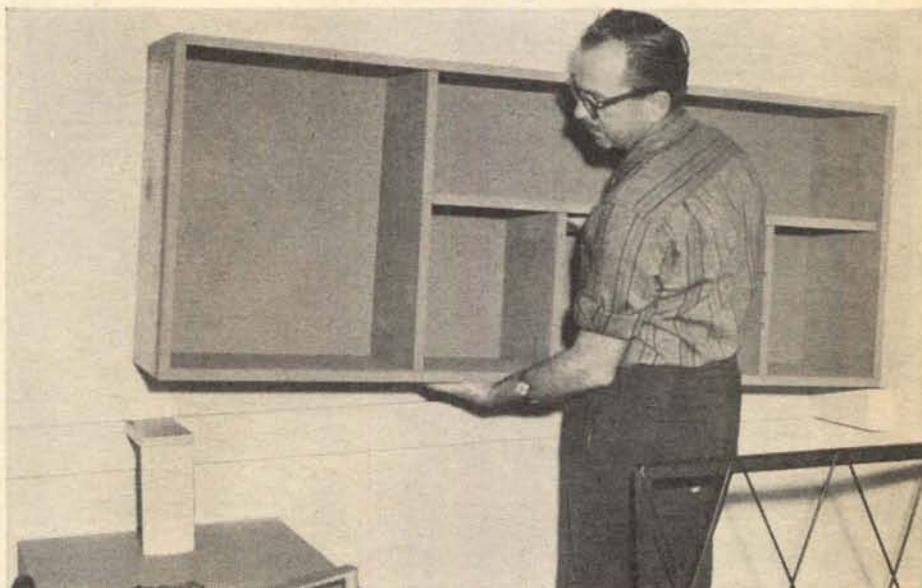


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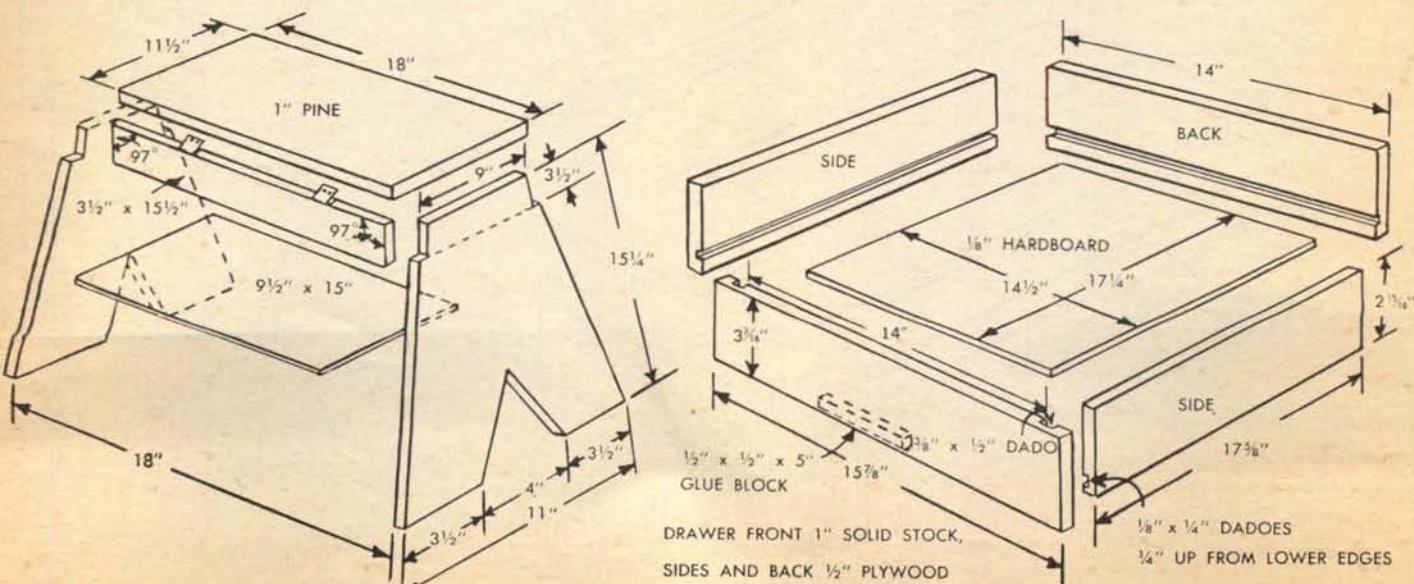


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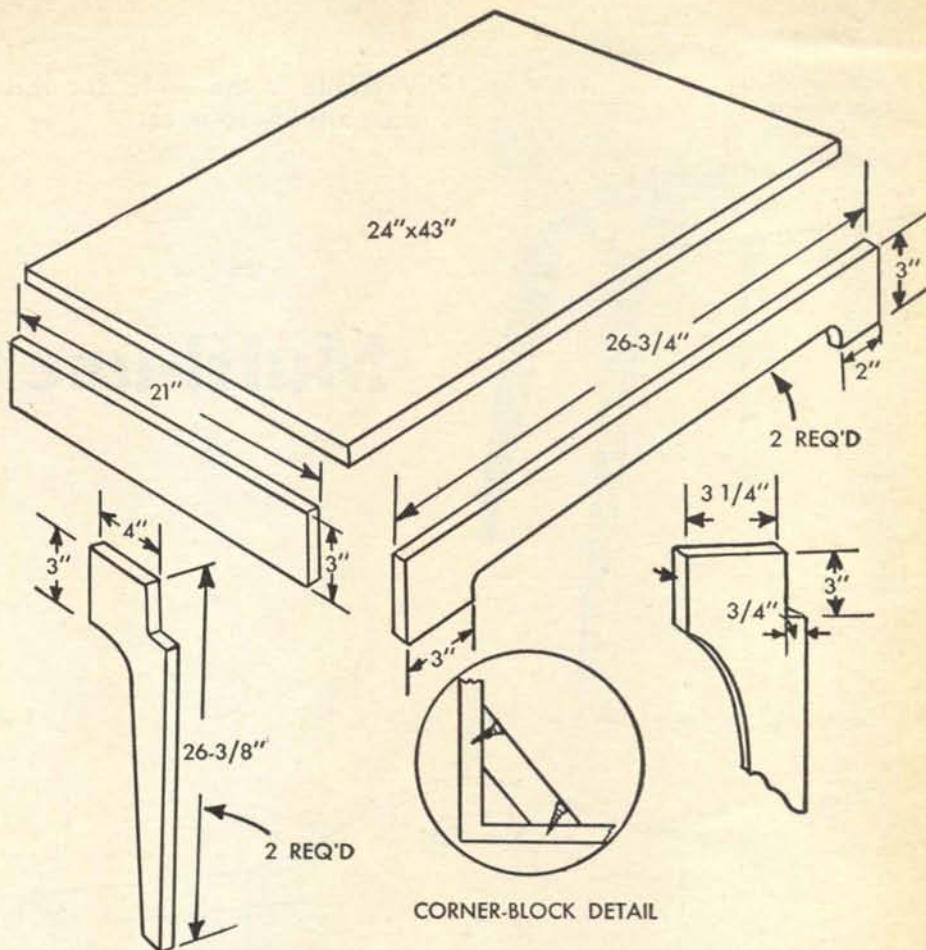


Even larger items, such as drapes, can be handled on this sewing table without having them drop to the floor and become soiled.

# Table-Chest Sewing Center

WEBSTER P. TAYLOR

PORTABLE SEWING MACHINES usually are placed on a kitchen or dining-room table when used, which means that at mealtime a sewing project must be stopped and the work put



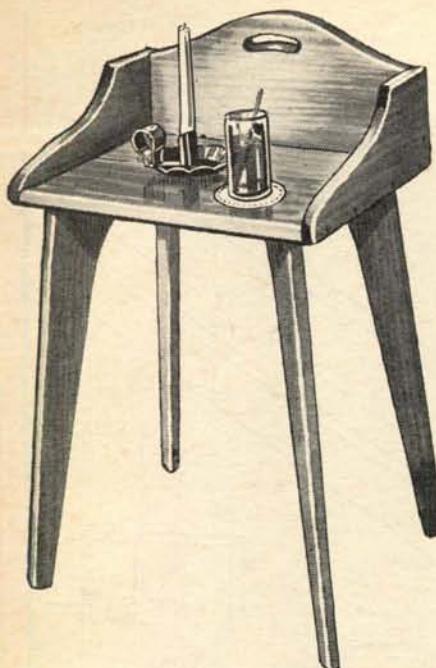
CORNER-BLOCK DETAIL

away. Here is a solution to that problem, that provides not only a place specifically for sewing only, but also ample storage for sewing supplies as well. The basis for the table is any

chest of reasonable working height from which the top is removed and a plywood extension top substituted. A pair of legs and apron strips cut from plywood complete the unit. Size of the table top can be varied to suit available space or individual requirements. Dimensions shown are those used for the original, and can be changed where necessary to accommodate a chest of a different height and width. The plywood top is attached to the chest in the same manner as was the original top, in most cases with angled blocks as shown in the drawing. Edges of the new plywood top can be sealed with veneer tape, or metal edging such as used on surfaces covered with plastic laminate, (Formica, Micarta, etc.). Laminate would be an excellent material to use for the sewing-table top, also. The chest, legs and apron are finished in the same manner, so the completed sewing center appears as one unit. Storage space for the sewing machine can be provided, if the drawers are not deep enough to accept it, by cleating two drawer fronts together to form a door. Hinged to open, the door would swing out to reveal a shelf on which the machine can be placed, with storage in the remaining space. △



Utilizing ready-built chest as basis for the sewing table permits it to be built with a minimum of labor and materials. Plywood top, legs and apron produce an attractive piece of furniture that can double as desk for students in family when it is not being used for sewing projects. Other uses for it could include being a sideboard when you are serving buffet-style meals.

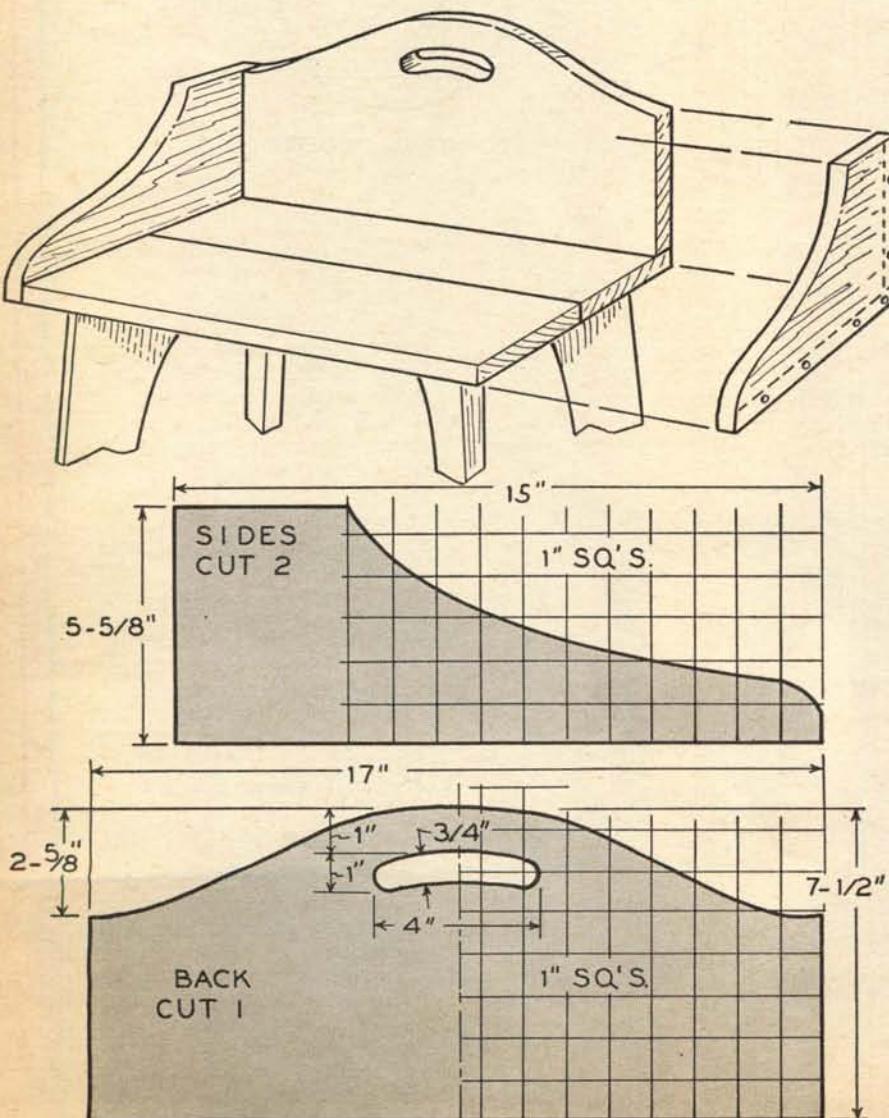


Versatile is the word for this candlestand, both in function and adaptability to decor.

## Multi-use Candlestand

ROBERTA L. FAIRALL

This easy-to-make candlestand has many uses.



WOULD YOU like to add a country-pine candlestand to your collection? The simple lines of its design will complement either contemporary or Early American furnishings, and you will find it a handy tote table, cigarette or plant stand. Even use it for its original purpose, and thus increase the mellow charm of candlelight at any season.

Rigid construction is gained by the use of glue and screws on all joints. Hand tools put it together from well-seasoned solid pine in the following easy assembly steps:

1. Make paper patterns for contour pieces. Lay out remaining members directly on the lumber, and saw out.

2. Square-up and finish the individual sections to exact dimensions, and sand away saw marks.

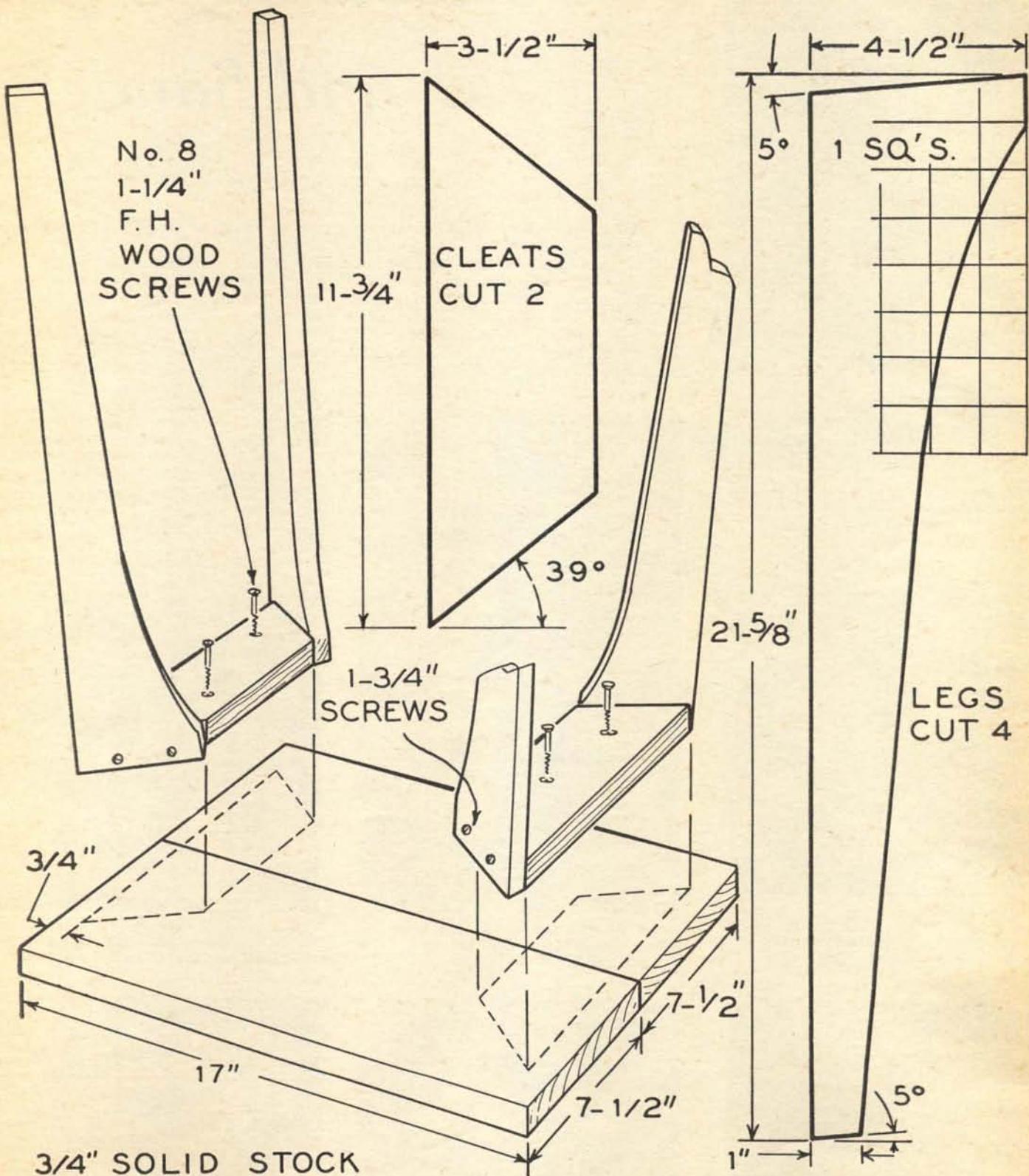
3. Locate positions and bore shank and countersink holes for screws.

4. First, assemble the leg units by joining legs to ends of cleats; then join these units to the underside of the stand top.

5. Next, turn in screws from underneath top to join back section. Assemble the sides with back and top. Remember to countersink all screws deeply enough so you can cover the heads with wood filler.

6. Round off edges and corners with sandpaper. Emphasize the grain by brushing on a light-brown stain. Wipe it off immediately to bring out highlights. Add a water-resistant finish with two coats of exterior spar varnish. Be sure to sand lightly between coats and polish the shine from the last coat with No. 4/0 steel wool. Bring up the luster with paste wax.

Full-size patterns for side and back may be laid out on a paper ruled in 1" squares.



Note that leg units act as cleats to hold edge-glued top boards together.

# Portable Jig Saws and Sanders



FIG. 1. Thor jig saw used by young lady illustrates versatility of this type tool that can be operated by almost anyone.

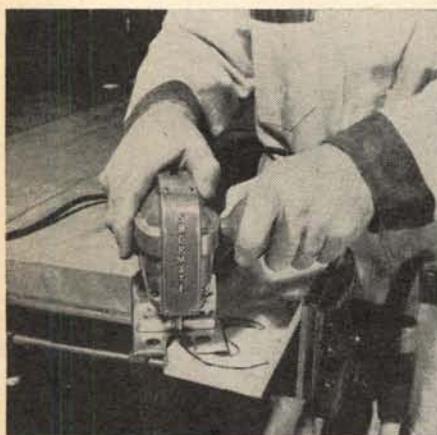


FIG. 2. Shopmate saw used here shows most popular use of jig saw, which is to cut intricate curves and scrollwork in wood.

WHATEVER YOUR NEED or budget, there is a portable electric jig saw and a sander for your home workshop. Modern jig saws are lightweight, precision tools that even women and youngsters can use, Fig. 1, but are rugged, long-lasting machines that will handle the toughest jobs. Cutting scrollwork and patterns, Fig. 2, are



FIG. 3. Wen All Saw is oversize unit that will drive a blade long enough to cut through three thicknesses of 2-in. lumber.

the jobs for which jig saws are most commonly used, but the saws also are effective for crosscutting and ripping. Rip guides that clamp to the shoes of the saws also help cut circles accurately. Ripping and crosscutting heavy stock, Figs. 3 and 4, is another job handled by some jig saws. There is no need to bore a starting hole when a slot or opening is to be cut with a portable jig saw. Figs. 5 through 7 show how a jig saw can be used to cut its own starting opening. The toe of the saw shoe is held firmly on the stock while the blade gradually is lowered into the wood.

If your shop or budget, or both, are limited, a setup such as the Skil "Snap-Lock" line, Fig. 8, will fill your need. A special collar is fitted



FIG. 4. Variety of saw blades and paper knife that can be used in Wen saw are shown here, along with extra-long blade.



FIG. 5. Cummins jig saw shows first step in cutting hole without using a drill. Shoe is held firmly, blade is eased to surface of wood.



FIG. 6. Second step in sawing cutout is to slowly lower sawing blade into stock, keeping front of shoe firmly on wood surface.



FIG. 7. In final step, blade has cut through, shoe of saw is held flat on stock and saw is guided along line that indicates cutout.

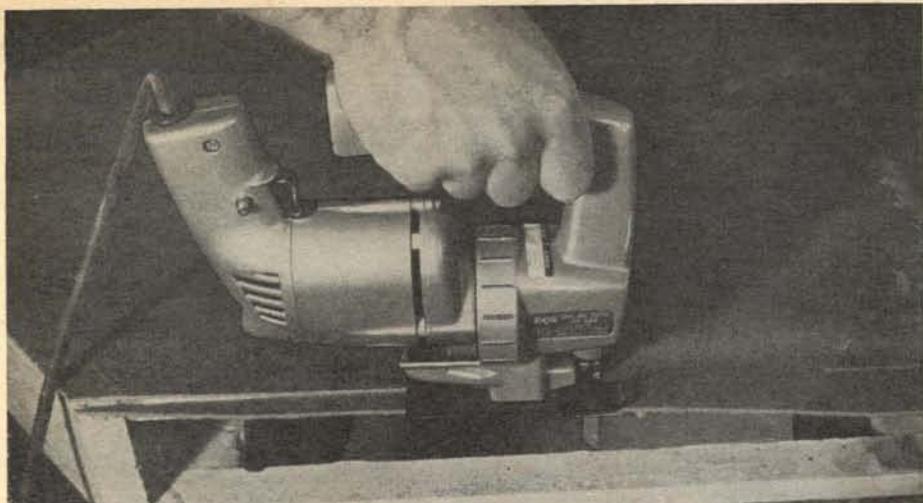


FIG. 8. Skil "Snap-Lock" unit is  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. electric drill motor with special collar that permits it to be snapped into jig saw accessory. Unit is close-coupled, well-balanced. Being used here to saw  $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hardwood, it easily cuts heavier material.



FIG. 9. Snapping driving unit into another accessory provides handy orbital sander with Skil "Snap-Lock" outfit now available.

on the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. drill motor, so that it will snap into a number of accessories. A jig saw is one of the units.

The same "Snap-Lock" setup fits into an orbital sander, Fig. 9. A sander is a must for any home craftsman that does much building or refinishing of furniture. For all-around work, the best choice would be an orbital-type, Figs. 9, 10, 14, 16, 19, and 20. A fitting for attaching a plastic hose that can be connected to any vacuum cleaner for immediate and constant removal of dust is the feature of one orbital sander, Fig. 16. The sander in Fig. 20 can be changed from orbital to straight-line action by turning a key at the rear of the tool. For continuous straight-line sanding of fine finishes, and for heavy-duty smoothing of floors and the like, belt sanders are the answer, Figs. 11, 12, 13 and 17. Fig. 13 shows a belt sander fitted on an accessory table so that it can be used for accurate edge sanding, and even sharpening of tools. Disk sanders, Figs. 15 and 18, are used for a variety of work. The slow-speed unit in Fig. 15 can be fitted with a wool bonnet so



FIG. 10. Shopmate orbital sander here is being used to smooth end grain of shape cut from 1-in. lumber and held in Columbian woodworker's vise.

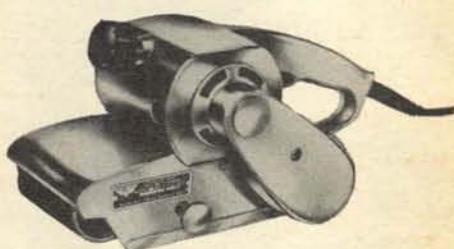


FIG. 11. Millers Falls line now includes two heavy-duty belt sanders. One has  $\frac{1}{4}$  H.P. motor, with 3x21-in. belt. Other has 1 H.P., 4x21-in. belt.

that it can be used for polishing. The tool in Fig. 18 is an accessory that can be chucked in any  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. drill motor. Sanding disks are attached

to the face of the disk with adhesive, so there is no center hole. The face of the disk is backed with a soft material that assures the disk will not gouge a work surface. △△



FIG. 12. Porter-Cable belt sander makes fast work of smoothing the surface of this plywood to be used for cabinet door. Two-hand control assures that the tool goes where you want it to.

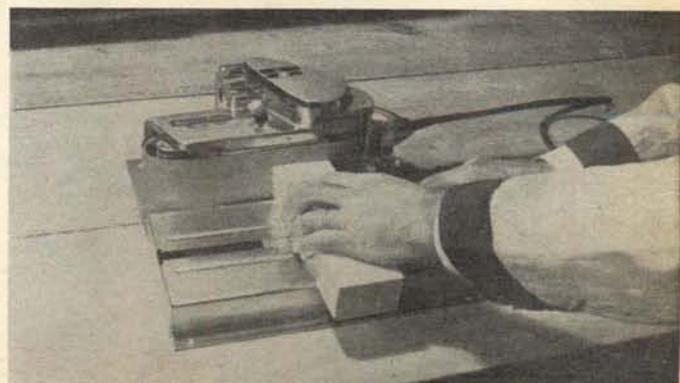


FIG. 13. Accessory for Porter-Cable belt sander is steel table onto which it clamps. Machine then can be used for accurate edge-sanding, and even for sharpening edges of chisels and other cutting tools.

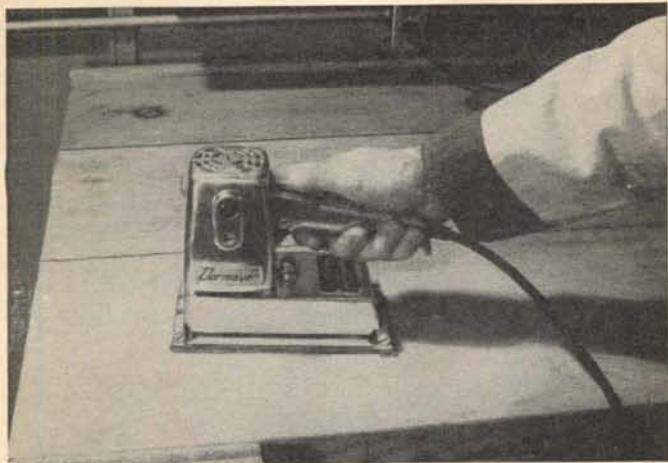


FIG. 14. Dormeyer orbital sander quickly smooths up bench top that has been nicked and gouged in area of woodworker's vise. For light work all orbital units can be controlled with one hand as shown here.



FIG. 15. Dormeyer disk-sander polisher is slow-speed unit (1200 r.p.m.) that does excellent job of sanding, and has sheep's wool bonnet that fits over rubber disk to produce burn-free polishing of waxed surfaces.



FIG. 16. Black and Decker orbital sander has fitting with plastic hose to which a vacuum cleaner can be attached to remove sanding dust.



FIG. 17. BVI belt sander is light-duty unit with handy thumb switch in top end of open handle. Knurled thumbscrew below housing adjusts alignment of belt.



FIG. 18. Flexan rotary surface sander is accessory that can be chucked in any  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. drill motor. Adhesive holds sanding disk on full face of disk.

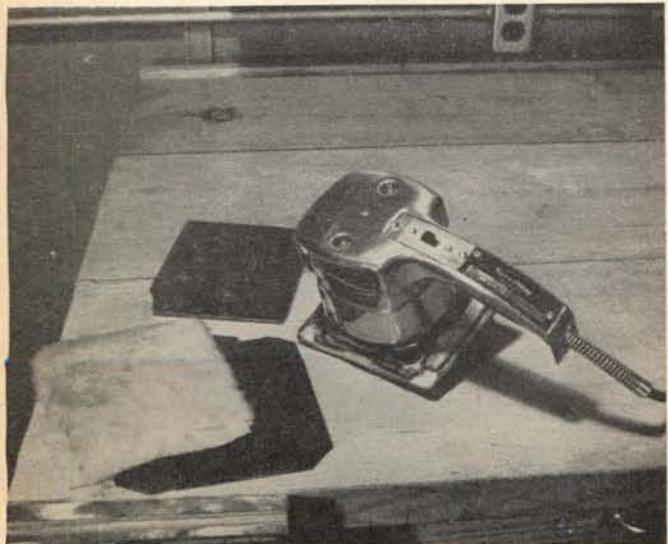


FIG. 19. Speedway orbital sander can be fitted with felt and sheepskin pads for fine finishing of furniture. Rubber pad assures smooth sanding. Unit also can be used for massaging tired muscles.

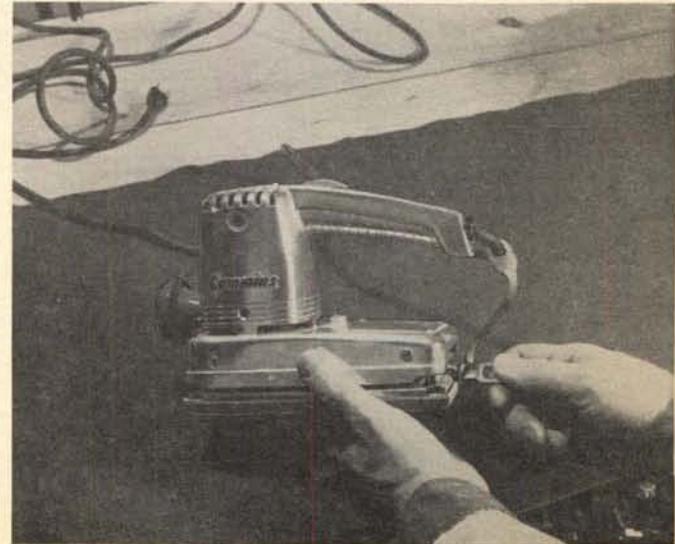
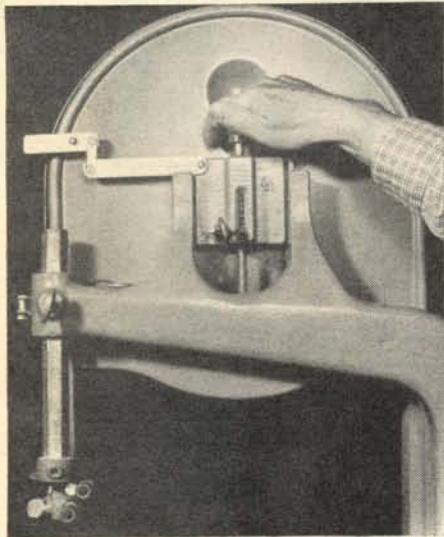


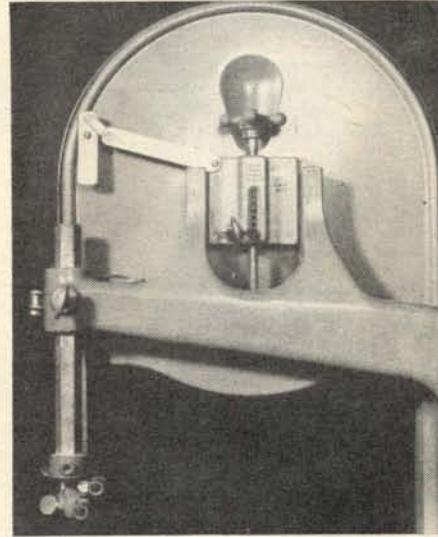
FIG. 20. Cummins unit changes action from orbital to straight-line when key is used to turn shaft at rear of machine. As with most units, knob for second hand can be used at several places on tool.

# BAND SAW SIGNAL

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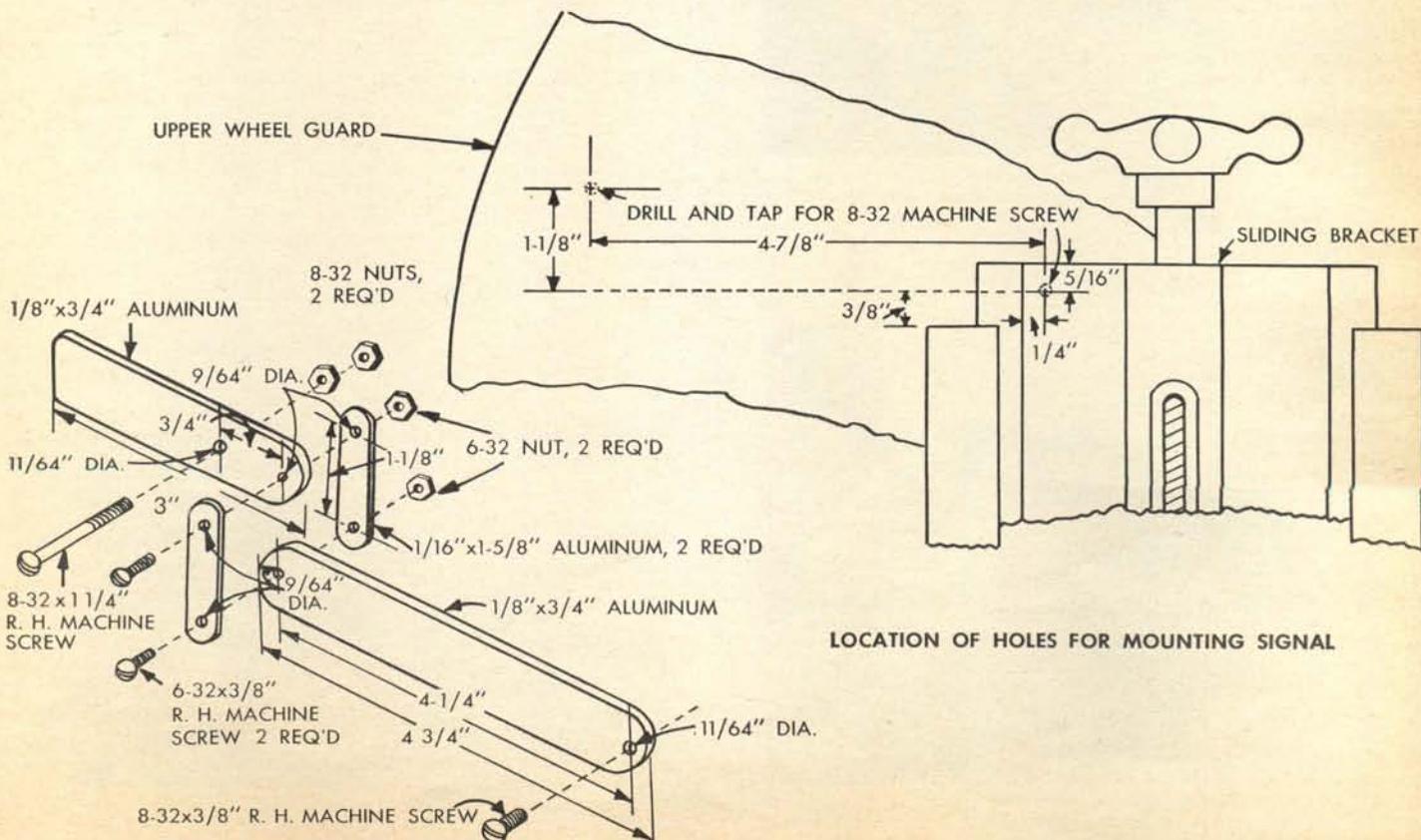


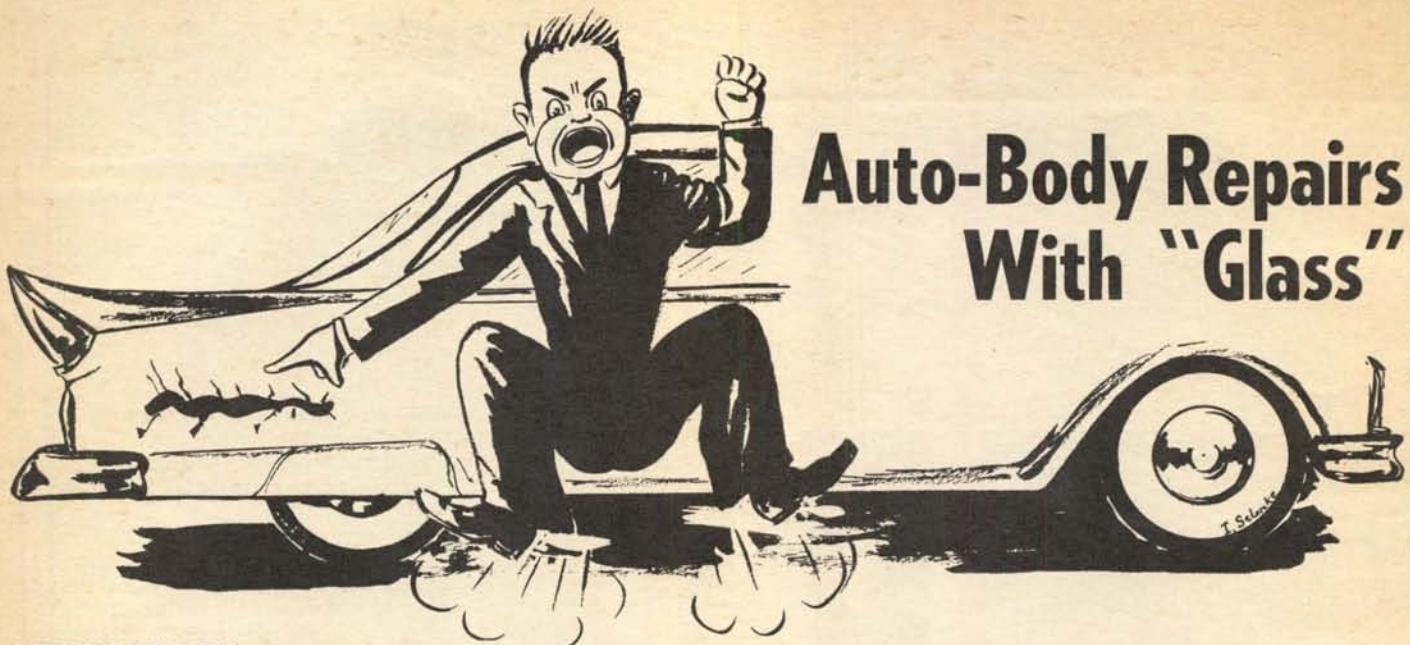
1. When tension is applied to blade of band saw, sliding block raises and lifts long arm of signal. Weight of long arm pulls link which moves short arm to horizontal position.



2. When tension on band-saw blade is released, sliding block moves down, raising opposite end of long arm of signal. Link is pushed up, causing signal arm to drop downward.

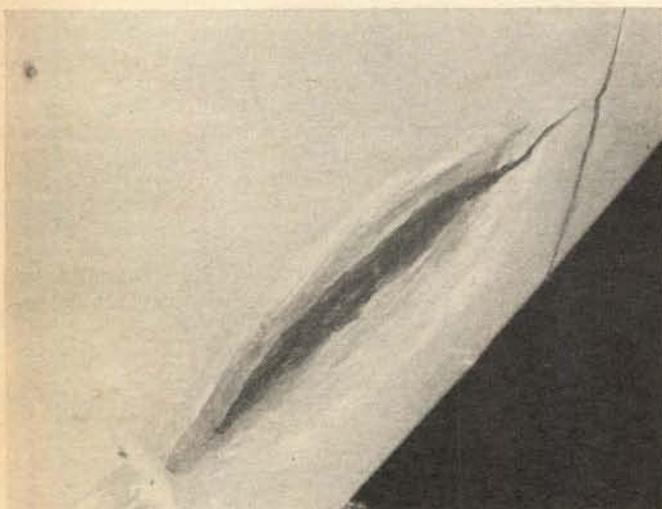
RELEASING TENSION on a band saw blade when the saw is not being used, which is recommended practice, sometimes results in using the saw with the blade slack. This simple signalling device will show at a glance whether the blade is slack or under tension. It also will remind you to release blade tension when you are finished using the saw. In mounting the signal, set the tension adjustment for the narrowest blade and scribe a vertical line  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. from the sliding block. (This is a Delta 14-in. band saw, but the device can be modified for use on other makes.) Rest the long arm of the signal horizontally on the top of the main casting and locate the hole for the screw hole along the line. Locate the other hole as indicated in the drawing and tap both holes for 8-32 screws. Use two nuts on the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. screw, one inside and one outside the blade guard. Attach the signal and paint it a bright color to command attention. △△





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## Auto-Body Repairs With "Glass"



Damage to body panel extends all around dark line of gouge. Use of fiber-glass materials eliminates need for heat and removal of upholstery inside. All work is done from outside the car.

WOODWORKING MIGHT SEEM to be not even remotely similar to making repairs on the sheet metal of an automobile body, but if you have planed and sanded wood to shape, you will have no trouble repairing an auto body with fiber glass and resin. For dents, gouges and small rusted-out areas, a fiber glass "putty" is used. This material is chopped glass fibers mixed with resin, and has the consistency of putty. A liquid catalyst, or hardener, is added to the putty just before application to cause it to set up hard. As little as 20 minutes after application the hardened material can be smoothed with woodworking tools. And it can be feather-edged without chipping or breaking away from the metal. For extensive damage and large rusted-out areas, fiber glass cloth is used to span the damaged areas. In this article is described the repairing of a fairly deep gouge and dent. The material used was TAP Flex-Bond, a fiber glass-resin compound that has extreme flexibility so that it does not crack or loosen when the sheet metal flexes. The Flex-Bond was in an "Old-Pro" kit that also contains fiber-glass cloth and a compound called Wet Weld, that is used to saturate glass cloth when it is stretched over larger damaged areas. Sheet plastic in the kit permits "pre-casting" panels of fiber glass for repairing extensive damage. The photos on these pages show the simple, step-by-step procedure for repairing a gouged body panel. After you apply prime, the last step is to get a professional painter to match the finish on your car.



First step in repairing body is to sand away all paint and rust well beyond damaged area. Flexan disk sander was used for this operation; disk sanders are best for this type of paint removal.



To provide "keys" for fiber-glass patch a staggered line of holes is drilled along edges of deep part of damage. Drill size is not important, can be from about  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  in., depending on patch size.



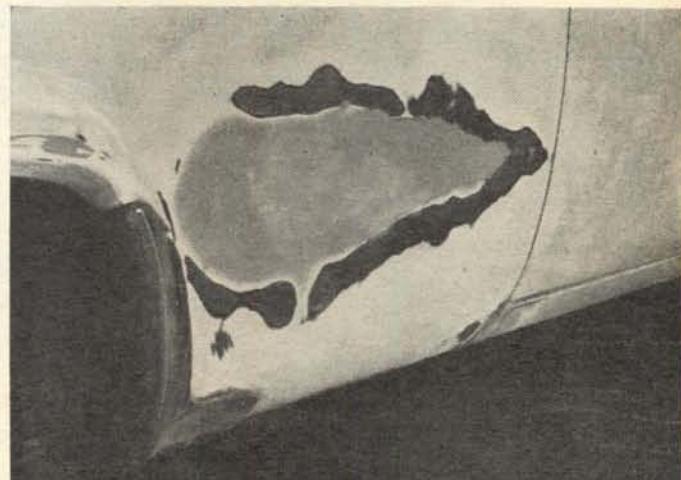
Epoxy-resin putty is mixed with hardener, then applied with putty knife. It is best to wear rubber gloves for this job, as some people get allergy reactions. Note putty is forced into holes.



For preliminary roughing of surface of patch, Stanley Surform hand planer can be used. Planer cuts easily through the hardened fiber-glass putty, but simply slides over hard surface of body sheet metal.



Disk sander next is used, with progressively finer grits to produce smooth, featheredged patch. It is best to do this sanding outside, as resulting fine dust can make a mess of the garage. Dust is non-toxic.



Patch now has been smooth-sanded and featheredged. Low spots have been filled with additional material and resanded, which causes slight color differences. Material bonds completely to itself.

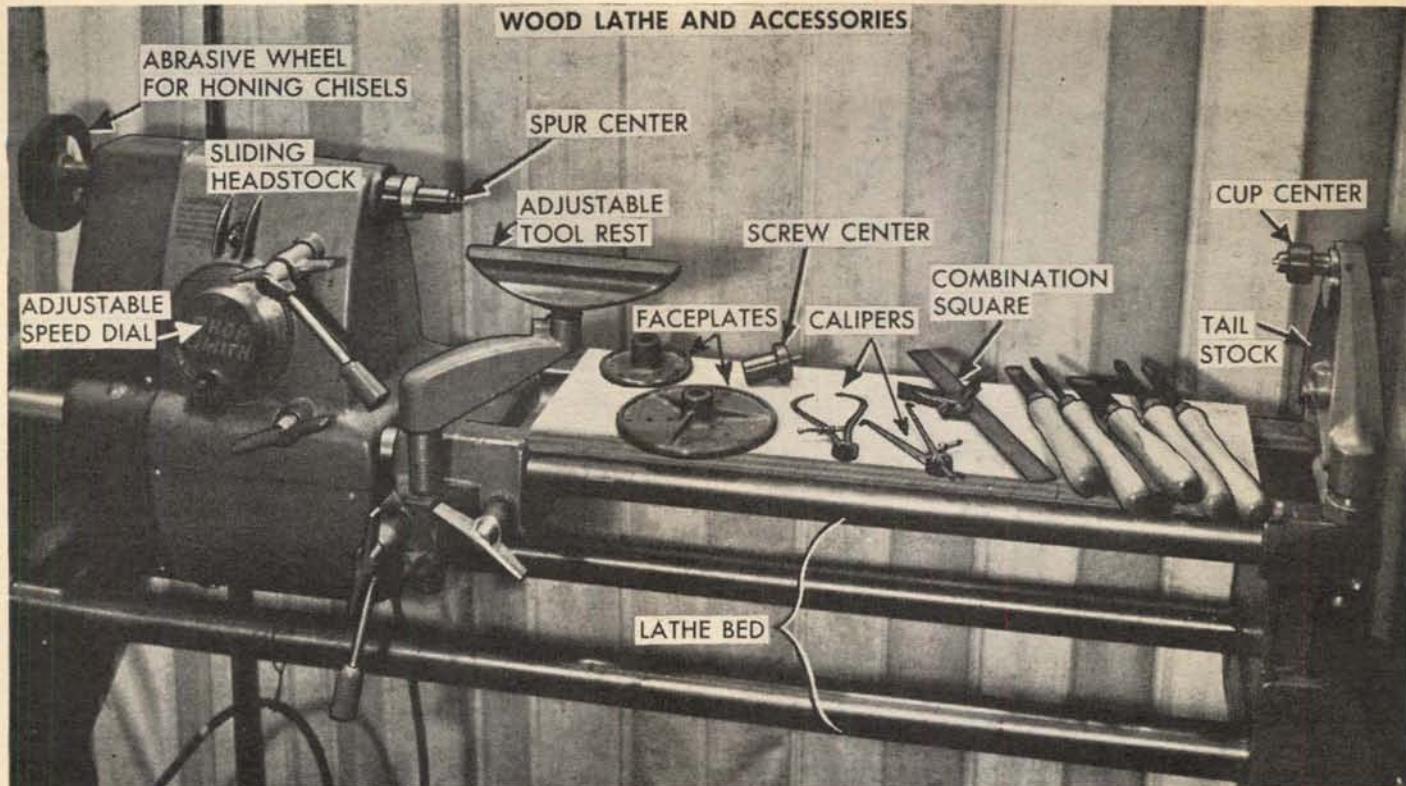


Area around patch is masked with tape and newspapers (in this case other repairs are being primed at the same time) and the repaired panel is sprayed with metal primer as preparation for painting.



Paper and tape are stripped away. Primed area will have to be featheredged, rest of body, or panel, sanded and cleaned to ready it for painting by professional or spray-painting home craftsman.

## WOOD LATHE AND ACCESSORIES



This lathe is on combination tool (Shopsmith Mark V), but nomenclature of parts and accessories is the same for all types of wood-turning lathes. Additional lathe accessories are available, and advanced lathe operator can obtain them as his work requires. Regular wood lathe would not have grinding wheel, separate grinder would be needed for sharpening chisels.



Finding exact center of square or rectangular stock used for spindle turning is important. A 45-deg. fitting on combination square is ideal for this job.

# Wood-Lathe Fundamentals

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DESCRIBING THE fundamentals of operating a wood lathe is best done with photos, so the text of this article is kept to a minimum. Do not wear a tie when operating a lathe, do not have dangling sleeves nor loose clothing that might be caught in the whirling stock. Do not attempt to wipe rotating work with a cloth. Even long hair can be a hazard, as static electricity built up on the rotating

wood can attract it and cause it to be wrapped around the spinning work. Tools must be sharp; a dull chisel is the one that will be hurled from your hand into the ceiling. Do not turn away from rotating work and converse with someone; keep your mind on the job. Go through the photos, step by step, practice what is described and you will be able to do expert work in a short time. △△



Attaching work to faceplate with screws. Note that work has been rough-cut to shape with jigsaw or band saw to save time, eliminate chance of chipping stock.



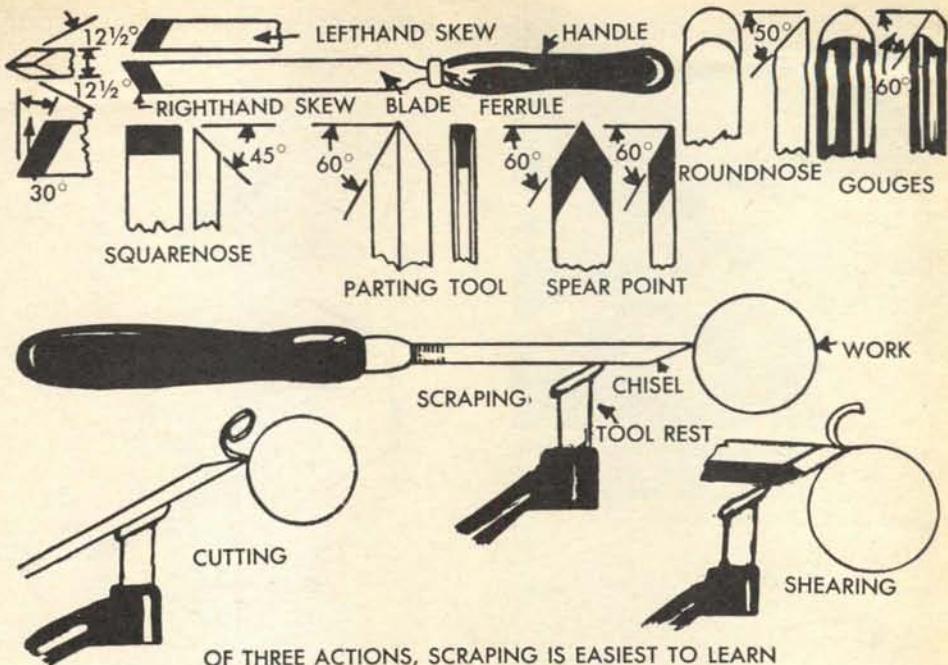
Stock too thin to be screwed to faceplate is cemented to scrap stock that is screwed to faceplate. Sheet of paper between pieces of stock allows quick separation after turning.



Vases, cups and similar objects require use of screw center turned into center marked in stock. Pilot hole is drilled in stock so screw center does not split wood when driven into it.

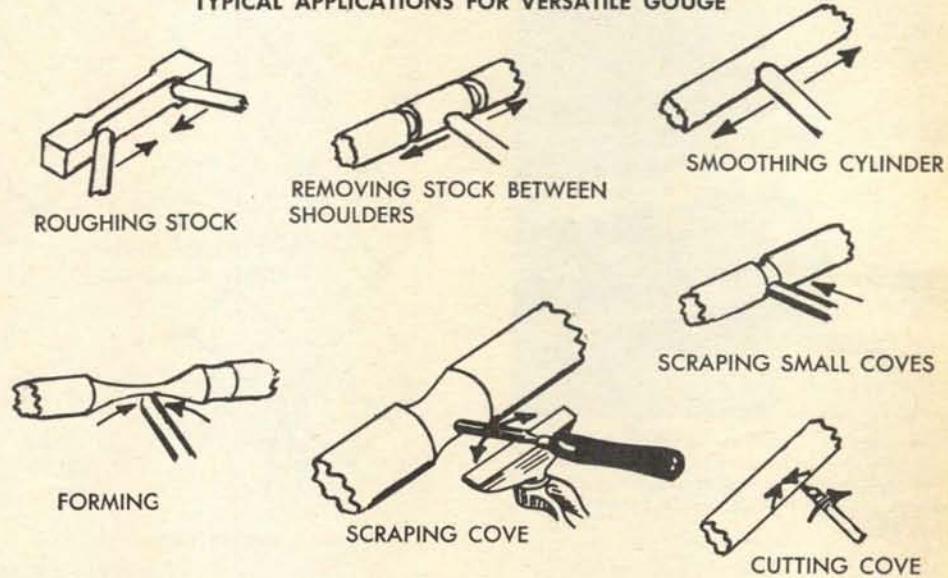


Five common lathe chisels handle almost all turning jobs. Left to right:  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. gouge,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. gouge, 1-in. skew,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. roundnose,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. parting tool. Drawing shows sharpening angles.

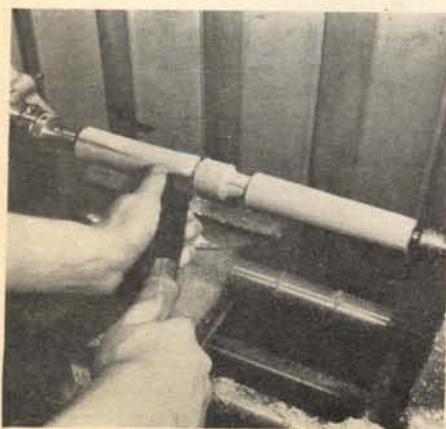


OF THREE ACTIONS, SCRAPING IS EASIEST TO LEARN

#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS FOR VERSATILE GOUGE

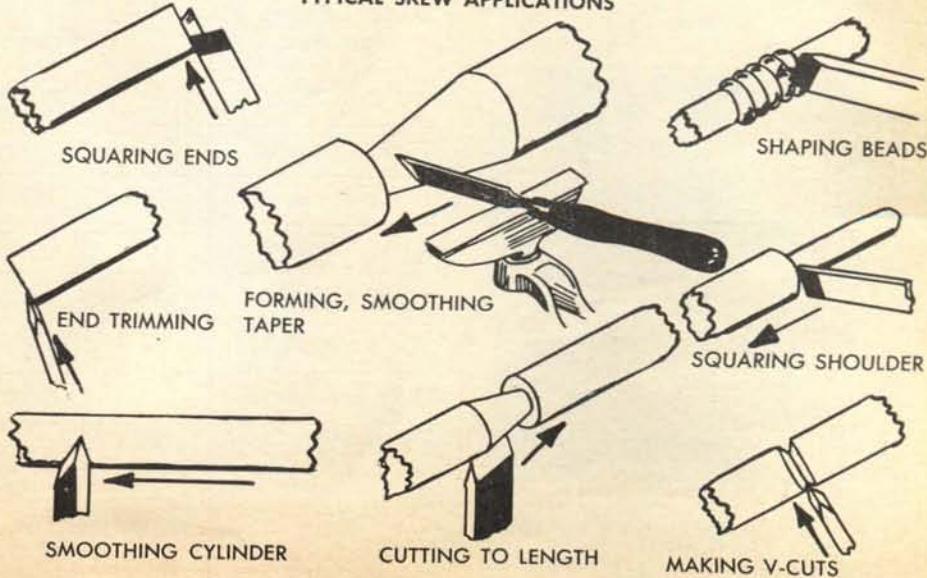


Gouge is used for rough-cutting nearly any shape (see drawing) and can be used for nearly all operations. Note position of hands that assures maximum control of the chisel.



Here skew is used for V-cut. Typical applications of skew are shown in drawing. Note again position of hands that keeps chisel held firmly on the tool rest.

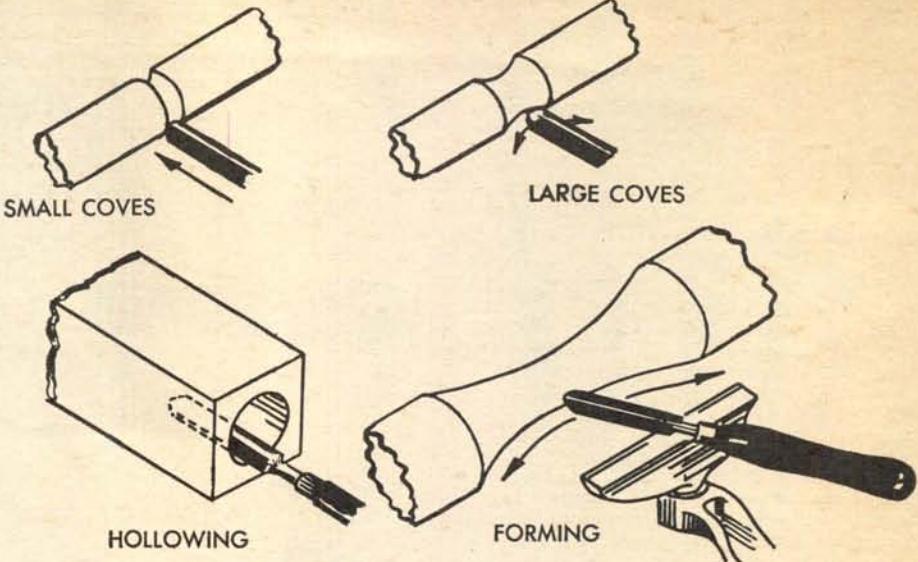
#### TYPICAL SKEW APPLICATIONS





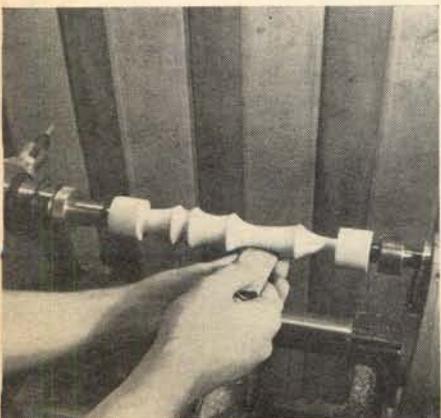
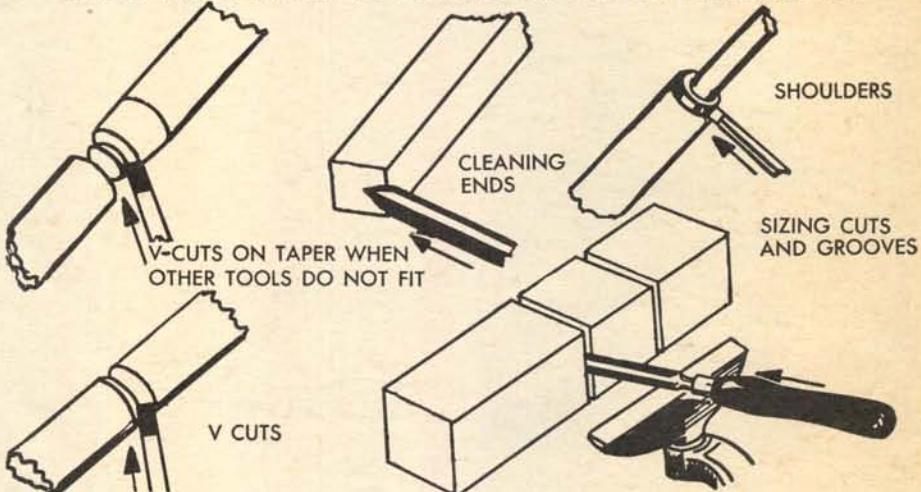
Typical use of roundnose chisel is to cut cove, as shown. Other applications are shown in drawing. This tool is always used in scraping action, easiest operation to learn.

#### APPLICATIONS OF ROUNDNOSE TOOL, ALWAYS USE WITH SCRAPING ACTION



Generally used with scraping action, parting tool here is used to cut grooves in spindle turning. Other typical uses of tool are shown in drawing. Note that tool rest is kept close to work.

#### TYPICAL USES OF PARTING TOOL, MOST OFTEN USED IN SCRAPING ACTION



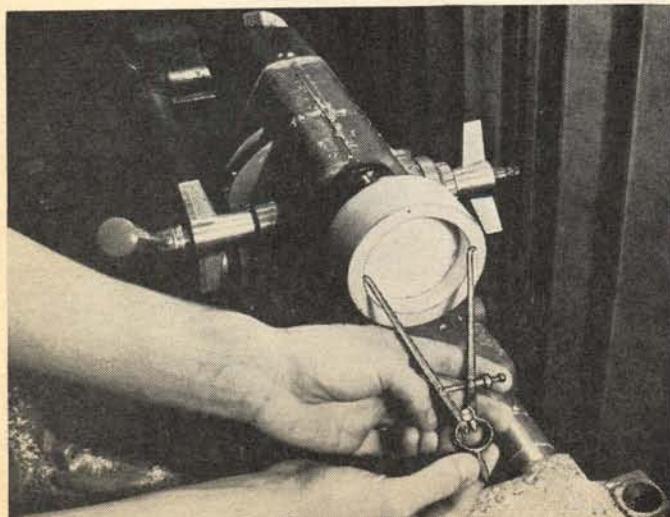
Higher turning speed can be used when work is being sanded for smooth finish, as in speed chart. Use paper folded several times, start with coarse, change to finer. Keep paper moving.

#### LATHE-SPEED CHART

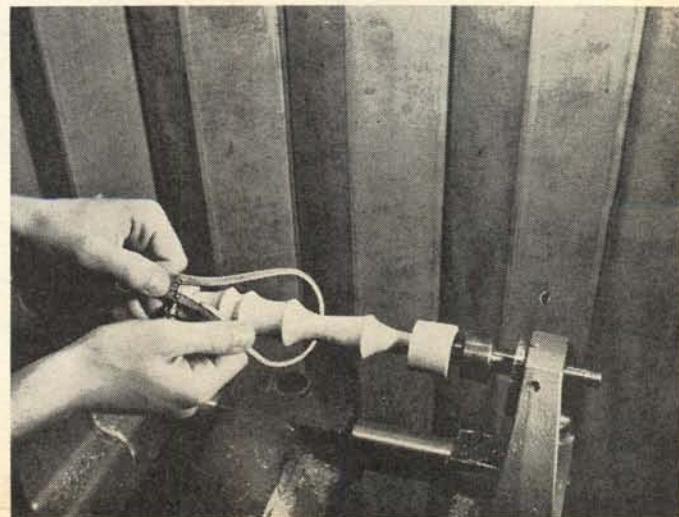
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Wood to 2 in.	910 rpm	2590 rpm	4250 rpm
Wood 2 to 4 in.	810 rpm	2375 rpm	3380 rpm
Wood 4 to 6 in.	650 rpm	1825 rpm	2375 rpm
Wood 6 to 8 in.	650 rpm	1200 rpm	1825 rpm
Wood 8 to 10 in.	650 rpm	910 rpm	1025 rpm
Wood over 10 in.	650 rpm	650 rpm	650 rpm
Plastics to 3 in.	2200 rpm	3125 rpm	3875 rpm
Plastics over 3 in.	1025 rpm	1200 rpm	1680 rpm
Nonferrous metals up to 3 in. (carbide-tipped tools)	650 rpm	1300 rpm	3125 rpm

## TROUBLE CHART

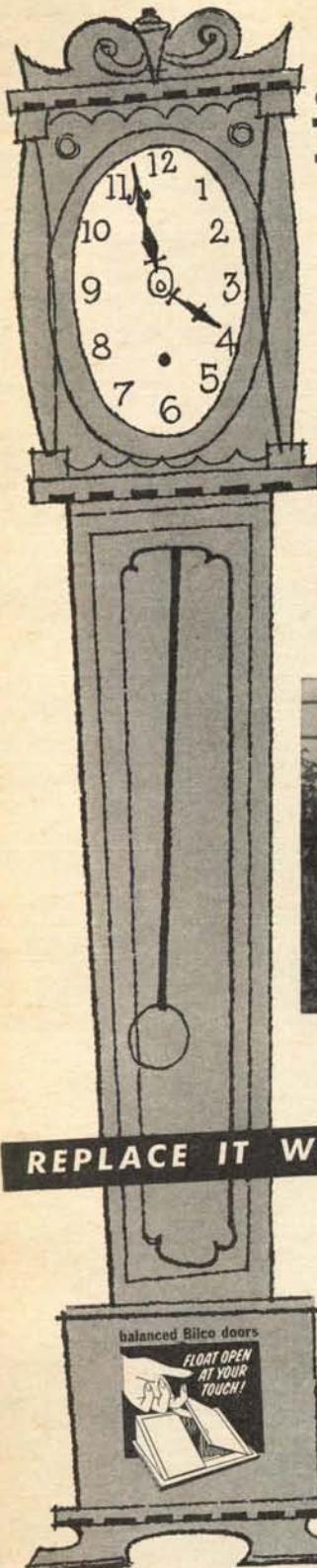
<b>Problem</b>	<b>Causes</b>	<b>Suggested Cure</b>
Work burns at cup center at tailstock	Excessive friction	Slack off cup center on tailstock Lubricate cup center with oil, tallow, soap Use live cup center
Vibration	Too high a speed for large work Work not on true center	Slow down Established correct centers (often vibration will stop when true round is obtained)
Work chatters	Excessive speed	Slow down
Lathe chisel hard to hold	Tool is dull Cutting too deep, cutting too fast Work is loose between centers Work is loose on faceplate Poor support for chisel	Hone Feed slower and take moderate bite Tighten either at headstock or tailstock handwheel Tighten or replace screws Restudy photos and diagrams to maintain ideal support
Work stops when tool is applied	Spur center not seated correctly Spur chews away material	Cut diagonals for spur—especially on hardwoods Remove from lathe, remove as much of the bad end as necessary, reset spur
Scored lines left from sandpapering	Went from very coarse to fine Sandpaper held in one spot	Work progressively from coarse to fine paper Keep paper moving
Cannot get glass-smooth finish	Nap on wood raises	Reverse work on centers for final sanding Use damp cloth on work before final sanding
Excessive vibration and chatter on faceplate work	High speed Stock not centered Mounting screws loose	Slow down Reattach if necessary, cut off corners to make round Check and tighten immediately or try larger screws
Wood splinters when rough turning	Starting cut made at end Typical of roughing cut	Start in middle and work to ends Remove as much waste material as possible before turning
Burns from sanding	Too much pressure Too much speed	Use lighter touch Slow down
Work loosens on screw center	Very soft wood Wrong use of screw center	Make sure screw is tight, then make lighter cuts Perhaps work should be mounted on faceplate or even between centers



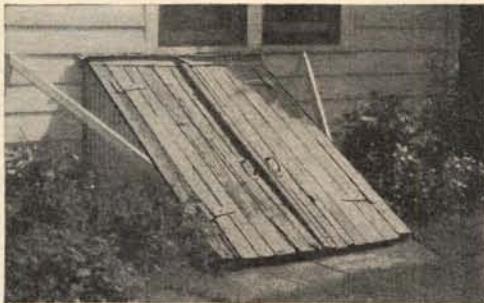
Measurements are unnecessary for a freehand turning, but when duplicates are to be made, instruments such as these inside calipers are required to be sure of identical dimensions.



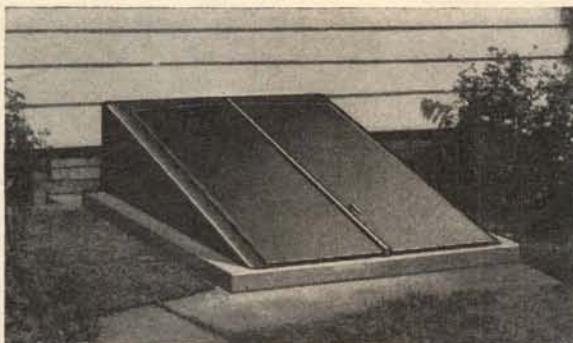
Tool used for checking outside measurements of a turning when duplicating a part, or turning to match a drawing or blueprint, is set of outside calipers, shown here in use.



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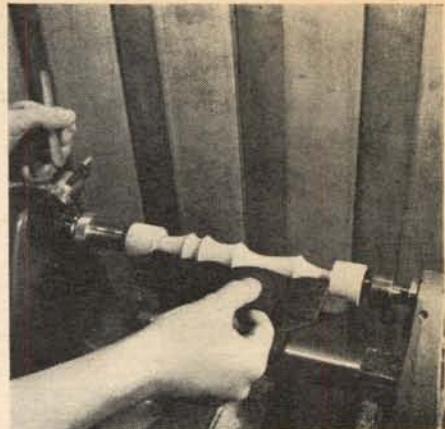
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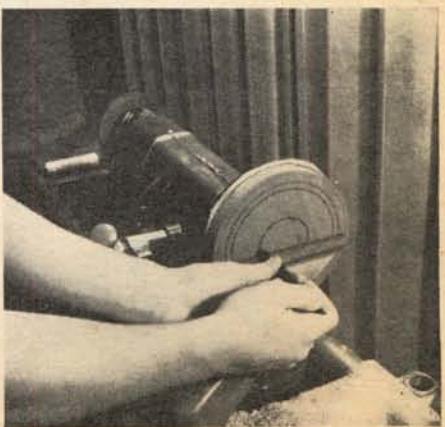
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When duplicate pieces are to be made, easiest way of assuring uniformity is to make a template from scrap of hardboard (Masonite) to check against work.



Rule is useful tool for lathe work, here is being used for marking stock for rough-turning. Although pencil marks are made only at one spot, when work is rotated the marks will appear to completely around work.



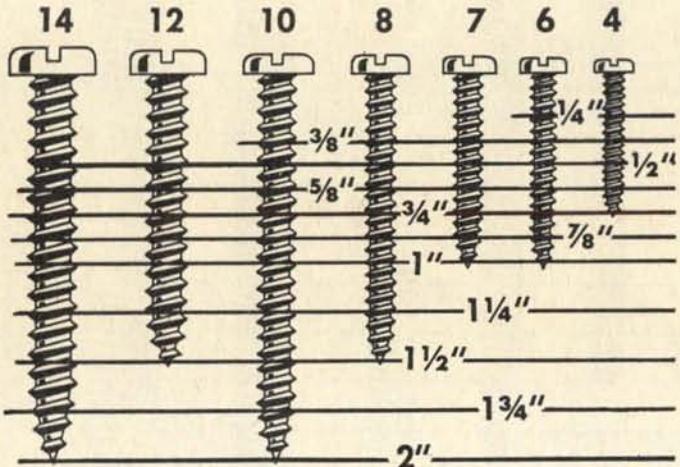
Here heavy pencil is used to mark faceplate turning. Tool rest is moved close to face for this job. Rule held on tool rest permits work to be pencil-marked while it is rotating. Duplicate jobs are marked in same way.

## Tapping Screws

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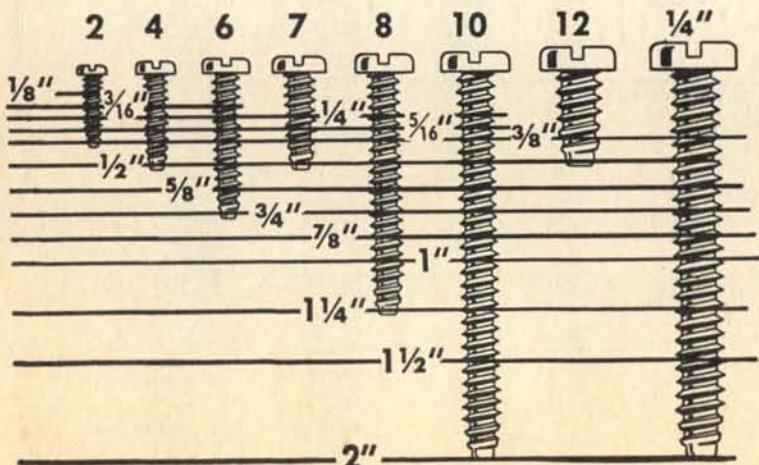
RECOMMENDED FOR FASTENING AND JOINING

LIGHT METAL SHEETS UP TO AND INCLUDING NO. 18 GA.



### Type "B"

RECOMMENDED FOR HEAVIER METAL SHEETS UP TO AND  
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### HOLE SIZES FOR TYPE "A"

#### SHEET METAL SCREWS

DIAM. OF SCREW Subject to Commercial Tolerances	Thickness of Metal		Pierced Hole	Drilled or Clean- punched Hole	
	Number of Gauge (U.S. Std.)	Thick. in Dic. Pts. of on Inch	Diam. of Hole Req'd	Diam. of Hole Req'd	Drill Size
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	No. 22	.031"	.098"	.093"	No. 42
	No. 20	.037"	.100"	.098"	No. 40
No. 6 .138 in. in.	No. 28	.015"	.111"	.099"	No. 39
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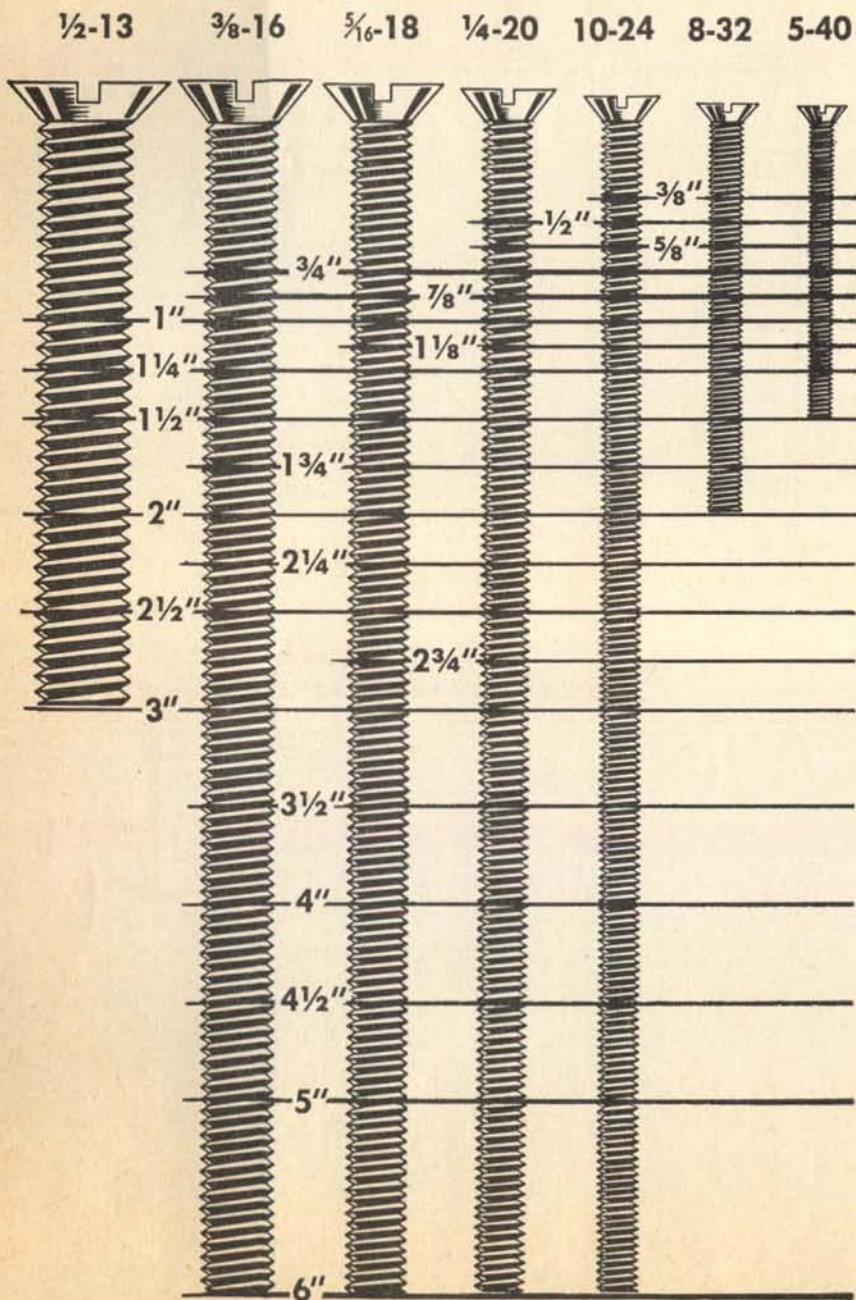
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Not illustrated on these pages is the fact that the length of a flat-head screw is measured from the screw tip to the top of the flat head, while the length of a roundhead screw is measured from the tip to the flat underside of the head. Lengths of oval-head screws are measured from the tip to the line between the curve of the oval head, and the angle of the portion that is countersunk.

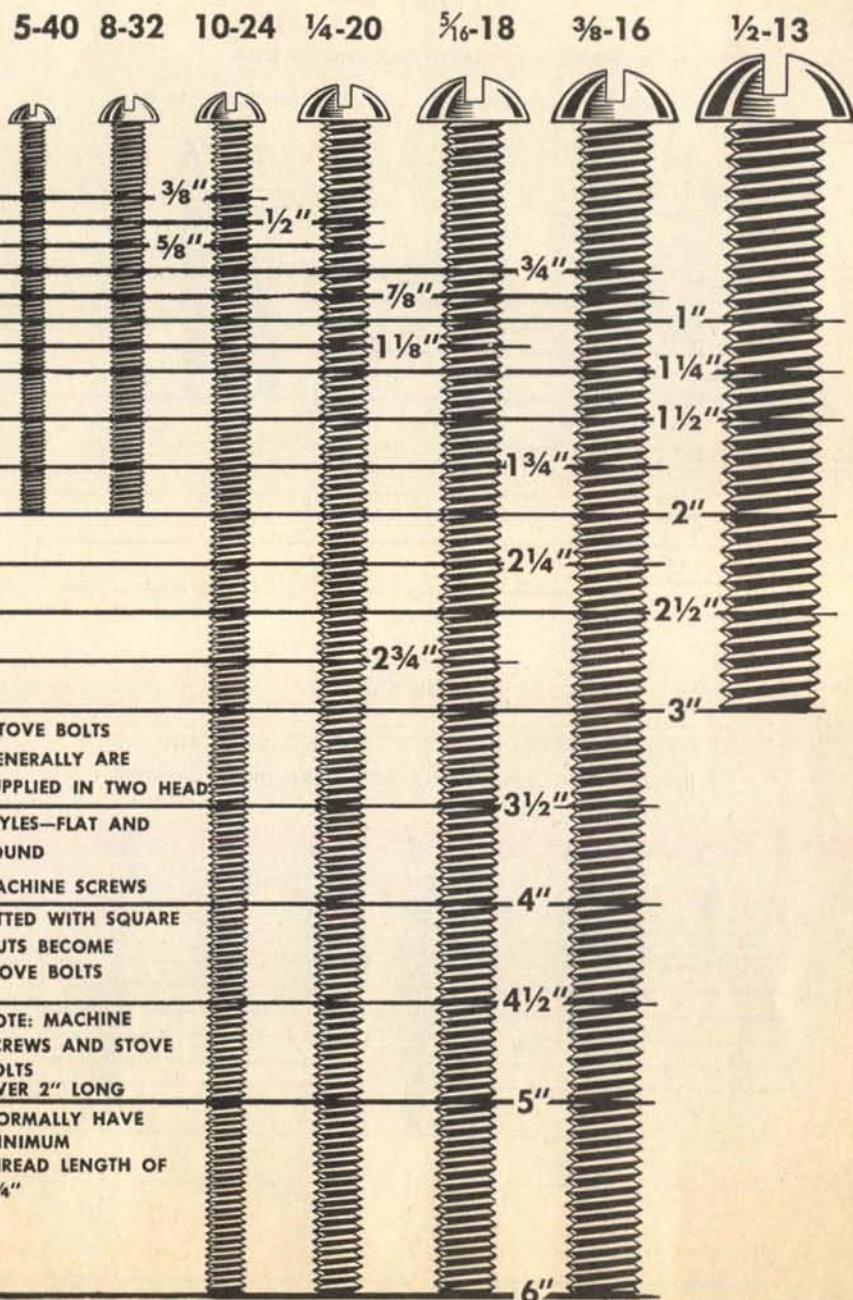
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	No. 20	.037"	.121"	.116"	No. 28	No. 14	.109"	—	.234"

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# Lazy Susan Space Saver

CLUTTERED KITCHEN CABINETS, Fig. 1, are space wasters and it is difficult to find a particular item. Amerock Turn-A-Shelf hardware was one homeowner's solution to the problem. The center shelf was removed, Fig. 2, and the drawer above also was temporarily taken out. A crosspiece was needed for fastening the upper bracket, which was centered in the cabinet. The nylon bearing then was centered in the bottom of the cabinet, the steel column was cut to the described length and the complete unit

next was checked for level, Fig. 3. The two circular metal shelves then were installed and spaced on the column for canned goods, Fig. 4. The shelves can be adjusted to handle the height of almost any item stored in a kitchen cabinet. Many of the items formerly stored on the cabinet shelves fitted in the corners of the cabinet around the circular shelves. If you prefer to cut circular shelves from wood, the Turn-A-Shelf hardware is available without the metal circular shelves. △△



FIG. 1. Cluttered kitchen cabinets like this one waste space and it is difficult to find any particular item or utensil readily.

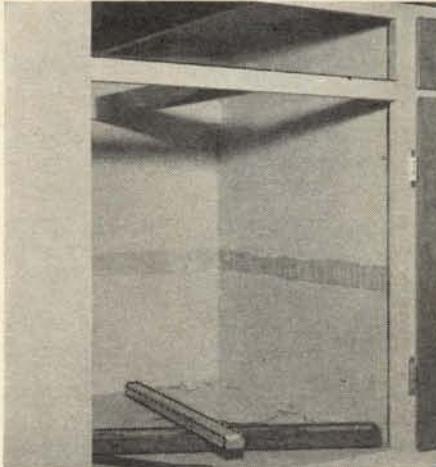


FIG. 2. Shelf is removed, drawer above taken out temporarily. Wooden crosspiece under drawer runners had to be installed.

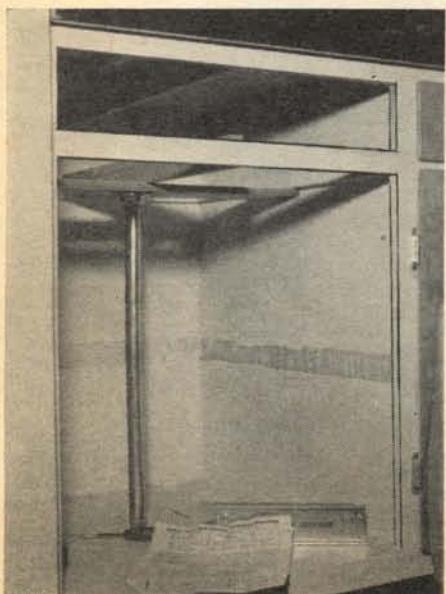


FIG. 3. Upper bracket is installed, column cut to length and lower bearing fitted on it. Column is plumbed, bearing fastened with screws.



FIG. 4. Shelves are clamped on column to complete installation. They can be located anywhere on column to accommodate various items.

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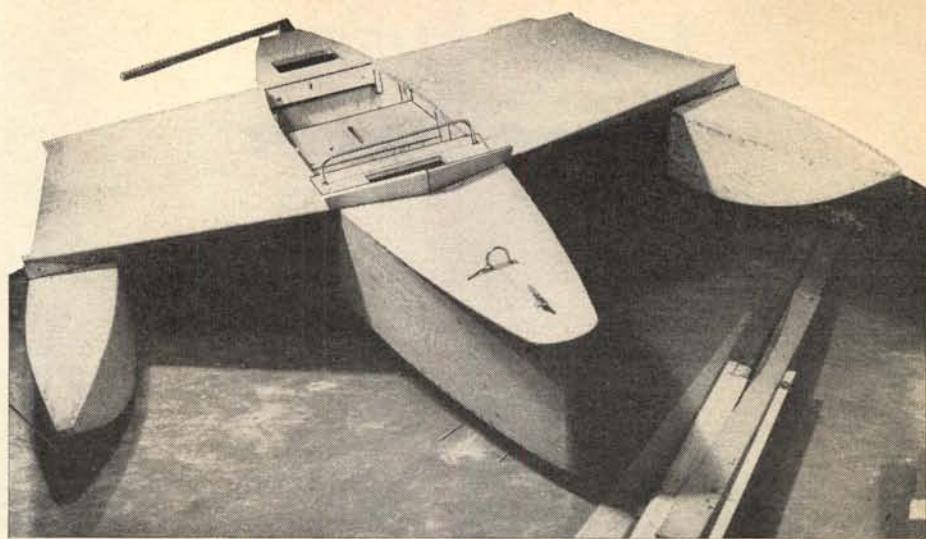
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FIG. 1. Main hull and floats are completely assembled in this photo of the *Frolic* under construction. Note tapered underside of crossbeams, overhang of bow deck. Your boat should be in this stage after following through this part.

CONSTRUCTION OF *Frolic* will be described in this and one more issue of WORKBENCH. For those who want to build the boat more quickly, full-size plans are available from the designer, Pi-Craft, 344 Sacramento St., San Francisco 11, Calif., for \$15. Included are complete instructions, economy tips and detailed methods of making your own set of sails with an ordinary home sewing machine.



# BUILDING "FROLIC"

SCOTT MORGAN

Designed by Arthur Piver

AFTER INSTALLING the daggerboard case, as in part I, you can fit and fasten the fore and aft foot-well decks, center cockpit deck and topside planking. Foot-well framing is nailed to the planking first, then installed permanently between frames 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, before fastening topside planking, Fig. 2. Both foot-well decks are  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. low on the ends nearest the daggerboard case, and drain into it through holes in the ends of the case. These decks have a  $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. support at all sides and ends and a central  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. support down the center. A vertical piece  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. square is nailed and glued vertically between the keel and the center support under each deck. Before fastening topside planking (upper side), the metal bracket connecting the stem to the deck and deck cleat is installed, with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood doubler to fill the triangular space between frame 1 and the stem, detail A, Fig. 13. The open-base cleat permits the jib stay to be attached to the eye of the

cleat, yet allows an anchor or bow line to be secured. As the nuts holding the cleat bolts cannot be reached after the deck is on, the plywood doubler and deck are "dry-fitted" in place—note that the deck overhangs the bow 42 in. back, Figs. 1 and 15—and two holes for the cleat are drilled. Mark the deck so it can be replaced in exactly the same position, then remove it, make the metal bracket as in detail A, Fig. 13 and bolt bracket and cleat in place. Coat the nuts and an adjacent area with a fiberglass compound, such as "TAP Flex Bond" to "weld" them in place, then remove the cleat when the compound hardens. The same method is used when fastening the eye straps for the main-boom traveler rope.

Next, the sheer stringers, chine stringers and outboard-facing sides of the foot well and daggerboard-support strips are faired to take the topside planking, Fig. 3. The latter overlaps the bottom planking and is flush with the tops of the sheer stringers when they, in turn,

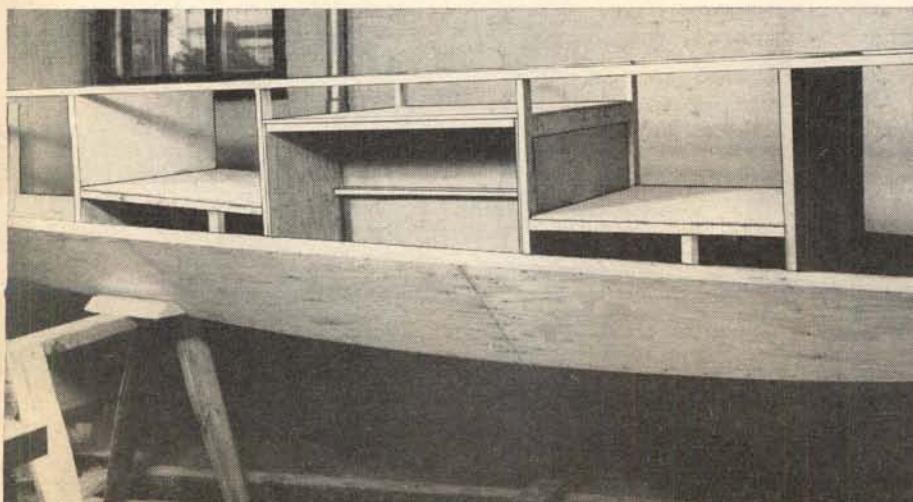


FIG. 2. Foot-well framing and decking is installed between frames 3 and 4 and 5 and 6, also deck over daggerboard case. Nailing strips have been glued and nailed to underside of decking.



FIG. 3. Batten is used to check fairing of sheer and chine stringers. Plane and orbital sander used to dress surfaces to alignment.

are faired to take deck planking. When the glue has dried, saw the forward edges of the planking flush with the forward edge of the stem and install a triangular-shape strip across the stem and plywood edges, Fig. 4. Triangular-shape backing blocks for fastening the jib traveler are cut from  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood and nailed to bulkhead 3 and the stringers on each side, detail B, Fig. 13. Triangles measure 8 in. on a side. Crossbeams now are reduced to their finished dimensions, detail C, Fig. 8, and notches are cut in the side planking so the tops of the beams are flush with the top surfaces of the sheer stringers. Foot-well ends of the decking must cover the beams, Figs. 11 and 12. Wooden strips  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$  in. reinforce the hull planking at the crossbeam notches, Fig. 13, and provide gluing surfaces for the beams. Four  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. bolts also hold the beams in place. Do not attach the beams permanently until the boat is taken outside. The last step before fastening the deck is to cut and fit the perforated-hardboard floor boards for the compartments under the bow and stern hatches, Fig. 5. The after end of the stern-compartment floorboard rests on the bottom nailing strip of frame 7. A  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. strip is nailed level with it on frame 6 to support the forward end. The floorboard for the forward compartment is fitted the same. Headless aluminum nails driven into the support strips and allowed to project about  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. into perforations in the board hold it in place.

Now, backing blocks  $\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$  in. are nailed and glued to the inside of frame 8 next to the top and bottom gluing strips to accept screws used to fasten rudder gudgeons, detail A, Fig. 16. Carefully "dry-fit" the decking, then remove and cut hatches and attach wood and aluminum strips. Hatch covers of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood are held in place with rubber bands, Fig. 14. When attaching the deck, do not apply glue over the crossbeams. A 12-in. slot now is cut in the deck over the daggerboard case and the daggerboard is cut and assembled, Fig. 16.

Building the outrigger floats starts with the cutting from  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood the bottom, top and sides of one float. These parts then are used as patterns to mark duplicate pieces for the second float. Figs. 6 through 10 detail the manner of constructing the floats. To make it easier to spring the sides into curves,  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in.-deep saw kerfs are made in the stringers, Figs. 8 and 10. After the sides are attached to the top, and before the glue sets, a spreader is fitted between the bottom stringers 20 in. from the bow, as in details A and B, Fig. 8. Just one bulkhead is installed in each float, after installing the spreaders. After assembling the top, sides and bottom of the floats,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in.-sq. strips are glued and nailed to the aft ends and a transom cut from  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood

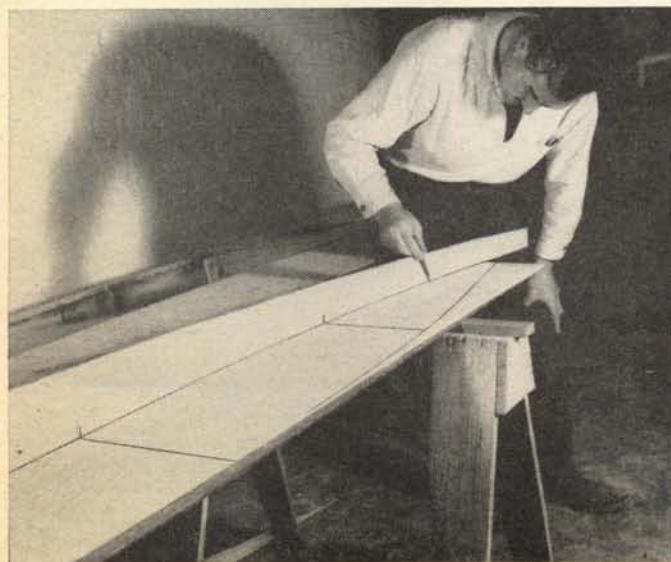


FIG. 6. Curved sections of float planking are outlined to take fair curve by springing long batten around nails driven at control points.

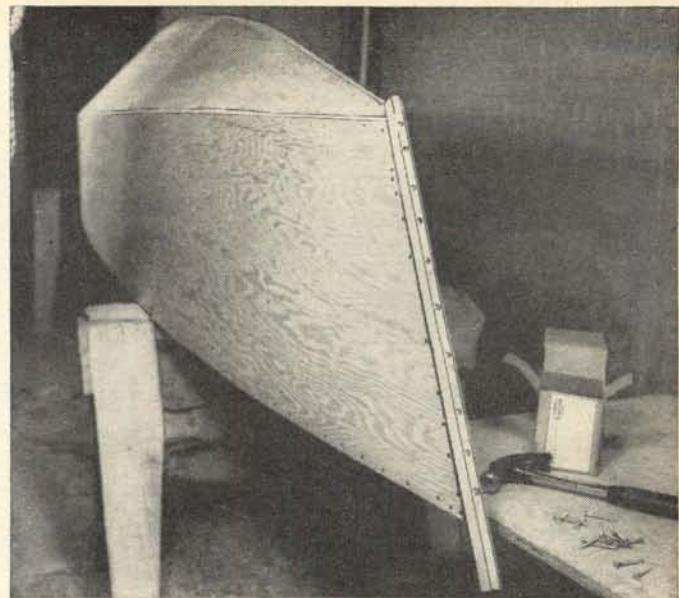


FIG. 4. Edges of side planking at bow are covered with triangular-shape strip of mahogany nailed and glued across stem as shown.

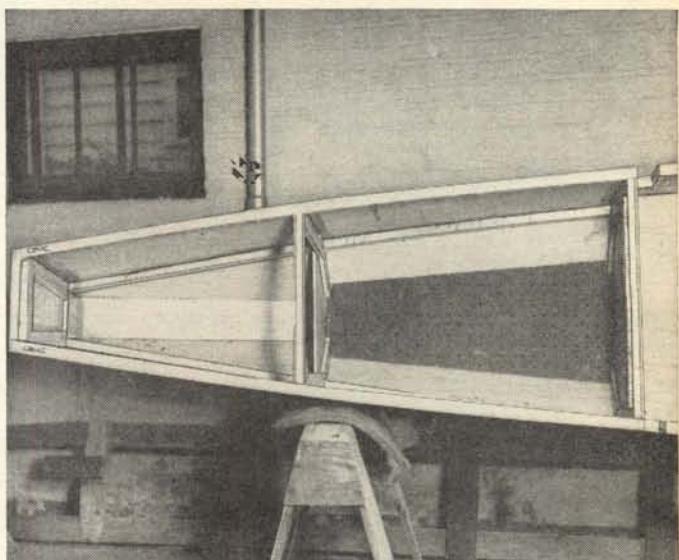


FIG. 5. Perforated hardboard cut to fit area on level with bottom nailing strips of frames 6 and 7 provides well-ventilated floor under hatch.



FIG. 7. Backing block and joint area of float planking are coated with glue, then fastened together. Nails are driven from outside of planking.

FIG. 8

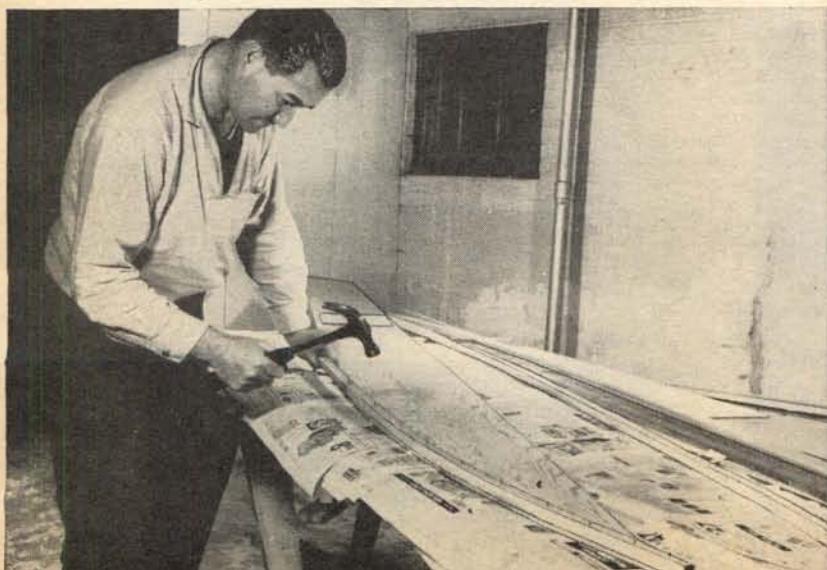
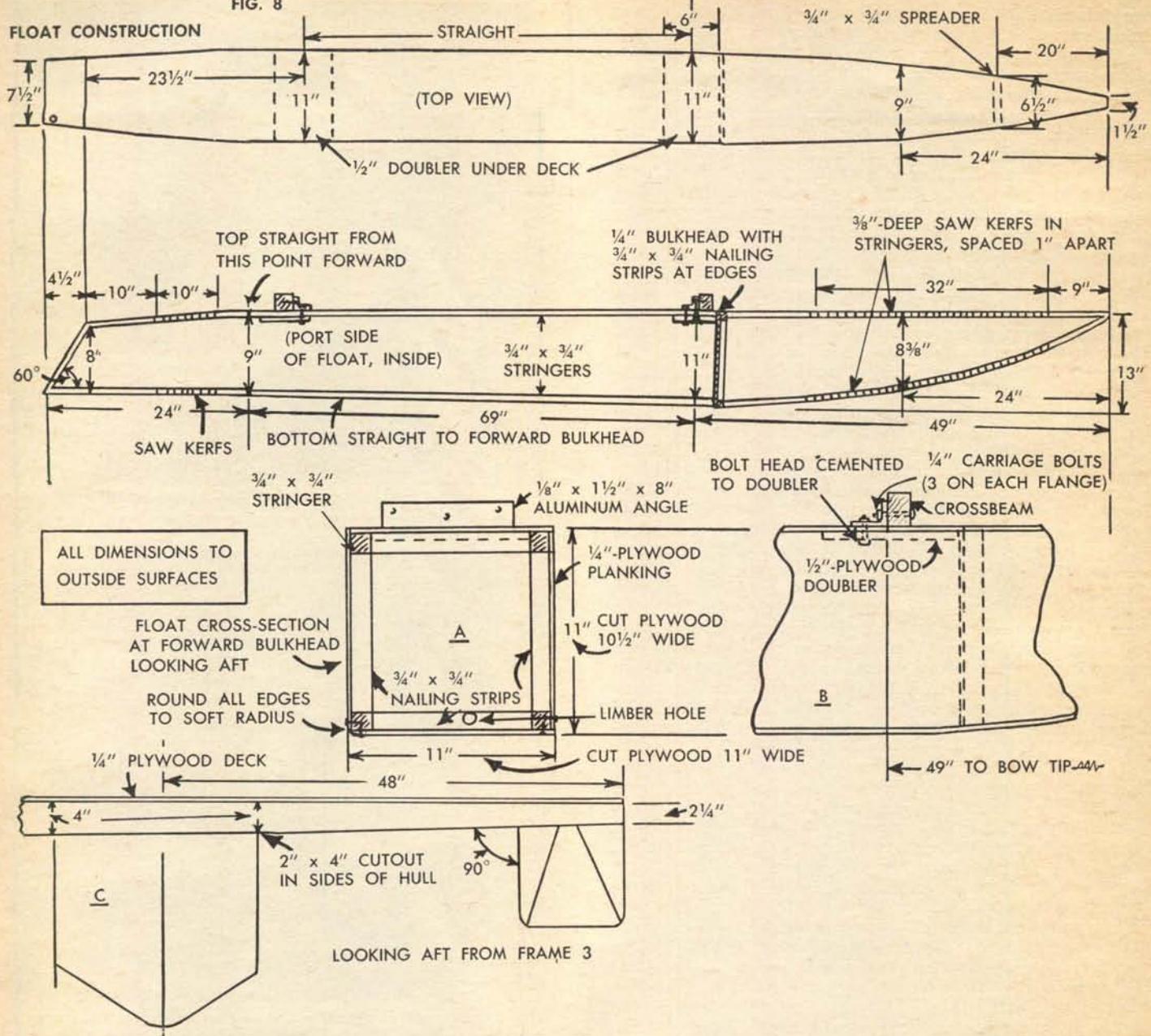


FIG. 9. Float stringers are glued and nailed to side planking flush with edges, starting at bow end and working aft. Planking is held, stringer moved against it.

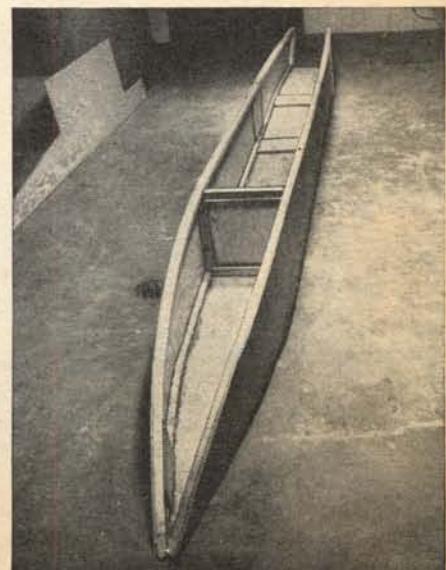


FIG. 10. Float sides are nailed to top, bulkhead is in position. Bottom and transom are next.

is fastened at a 60-deg. angle. A drain plug is fitted in each transom near the bottom.

When both floats have been completed, the crossbeams are drilled for the bolts that fasten them to the aluminum angles on the floats. To do this accurately, the floats are placed on a flat surface in the position they assume when assembled on the boat. This requires the outboard edges of the floats to be tilted slightly to bring the float decks flush with the tapered undersides of the beams. The beams then are clamped to the angles, the ends being flush with the float sides, and the holes are drilled through the beams. Holes in the angles are drilled previously. Then the beams are slipped into place in their notches and centered on the main hull, after which the side decks are cut and fastened temporarily, as shown in the drawings in Part I, and in Figs. 1 and 12 in this part. The inboard edges of the decks come flush with

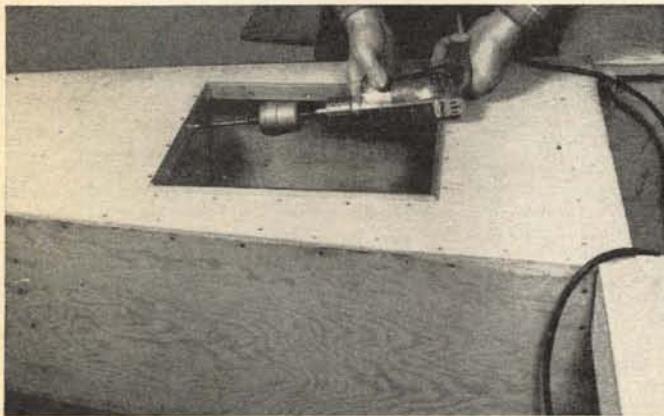
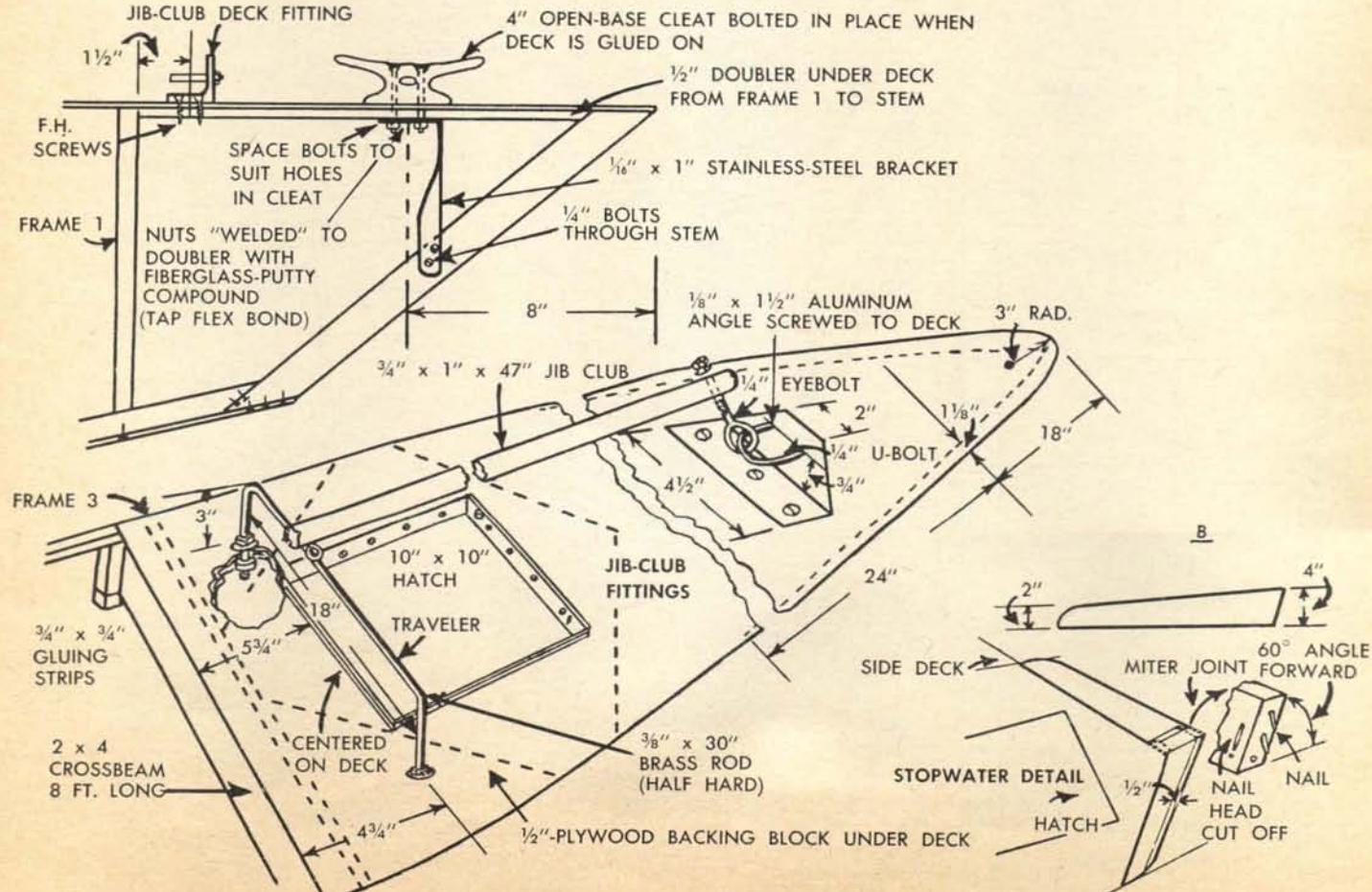


FIG. 11. Screwdriver attachment in electric drill makes fast work of driving screws through aluminum strips that are fitted to hatchway sides and ends. Flathead screws are countersunk in metal.

FIG. 13



the inside faces of the sheer stringers; outboard edges are notched so that the crossbeam ends project  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. from them. The after edges of the side decks are cut flush with the after sides of the beams; forward edges are cut at an angle to provide sufficient clearance between the stopwater, or coaming, and forward hatch, the stopwater sides being in line with the leading, angled edges of the side decks. Stopwater construction is given in detail B, Fig. 13. The sides are joined together by means of a miter joint with headless nails (heads cut off annular ring aluminum nails) and glued and fastened to the deck with headless nails and a liberal application of polyester resin.

The jib club deck fitting may be made by bolting a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. U-bolt to the fore deck as shown in Fig. 1, or by the method shown in Fig. 13. In the former case a length of wood or rod is taped to a socket wrench so

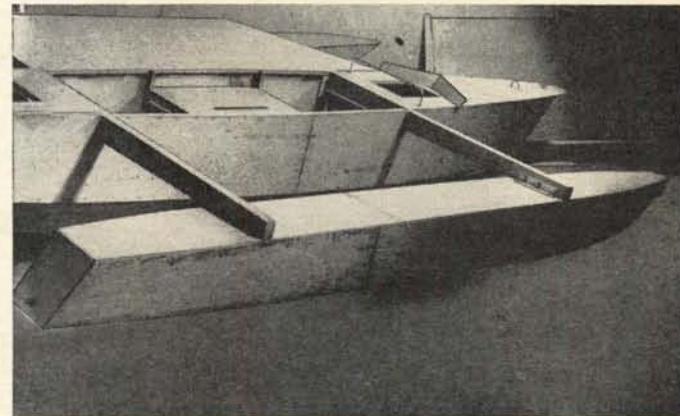
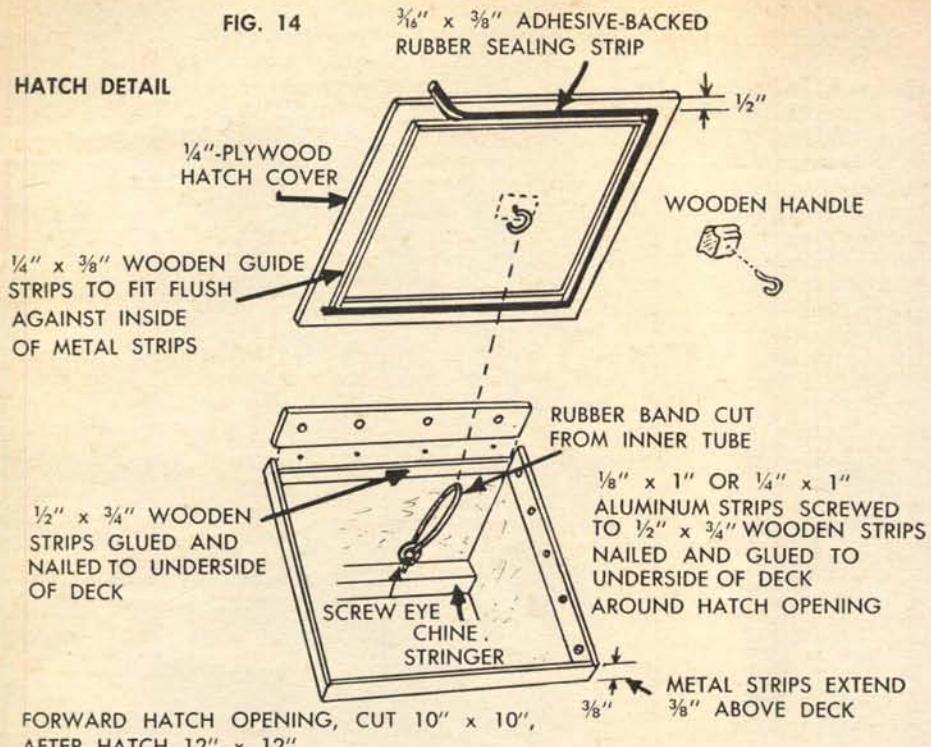


FIG. 12. Floats are first "dry-assembled" on crosbeams to check positioning and parallel alignment with each other and with main hull. Port side deck is in position here, starboard deck has not been installed.

A

FIG. 14

#### HATCH DETAIL



that the U-bolt nuts can be turned. In the latter case, Fig. 13, an aluminum angle is drilled and cut to the dimensions given and screwed to the deck and doubler 1½ in. forward of frame 1.

The jib traveler, bent from a 30-in. length of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. half-hard brass rod, is bolted to the deck in the position shown. Do not apply heat when making the right-angle

The jib traveler, bent from a 30-in. length of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. half-hard brass rod, is bolted to the deck in the position shown. Do not apply heat when making the right-angle

FIG. 15. This view of underside of completed boat shows clearly relative depths of hull and floats, slight angle of floats resulting from taper of crossbeams. At this point your boat is almost finished, ready for finishing.

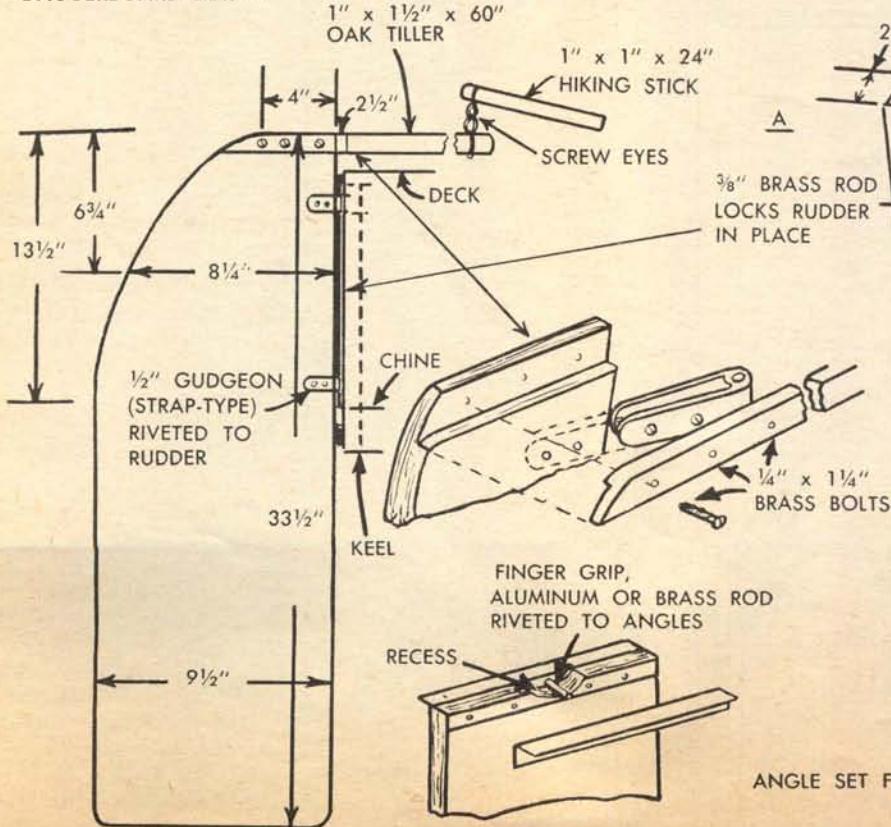
bends, as shaping the metal at the wrong temperature may crystallize and weaken it. A standard  $\frac{3}{8}$ -16 thread is cut on each end of the traveler, after it is bent to shape. Allow enough thread length to include a nut and washer on top of the deck and a nut on the underside of the backing block under the deck.

This completes construction of the boat. The mast, rigging, sail making, outboard-motor mounting detail, fiberglassing and finishing will be given in the next, concluding part.

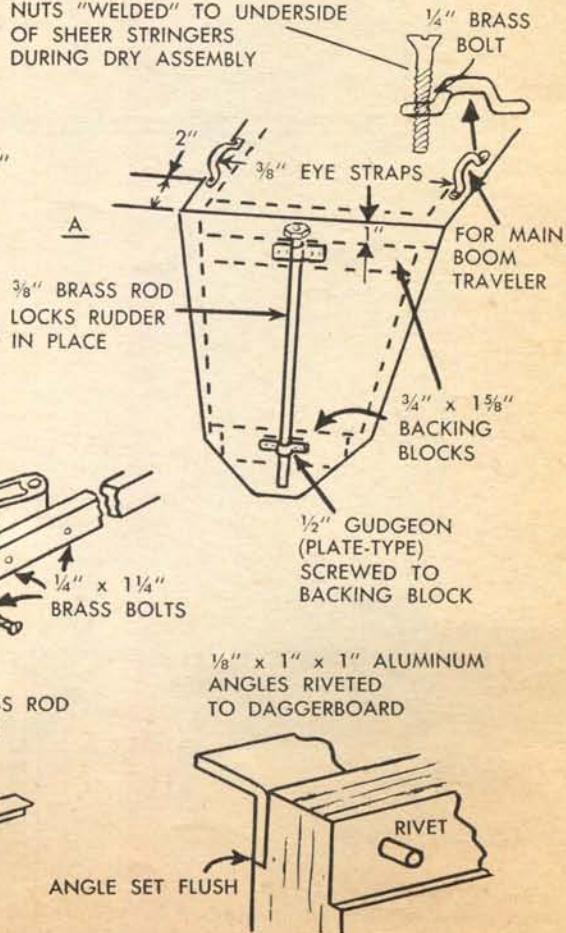
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FIG. 16

#### DAGGERBOARD DETAIL



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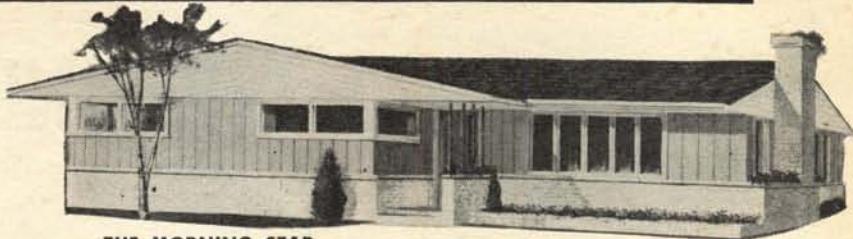
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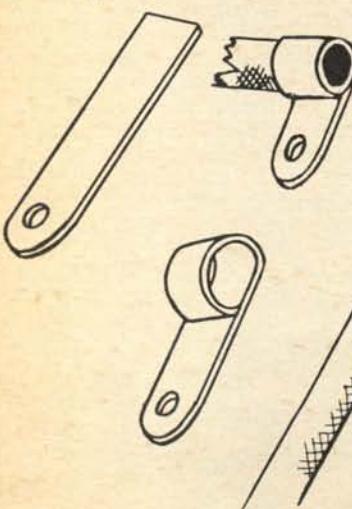
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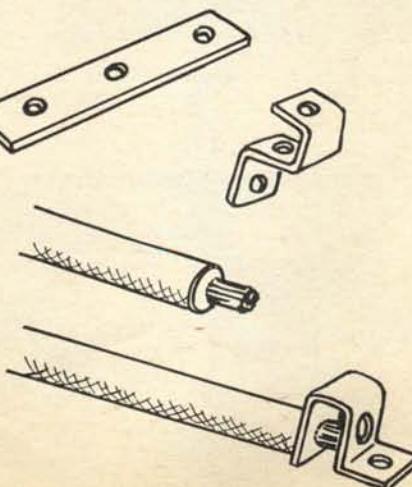
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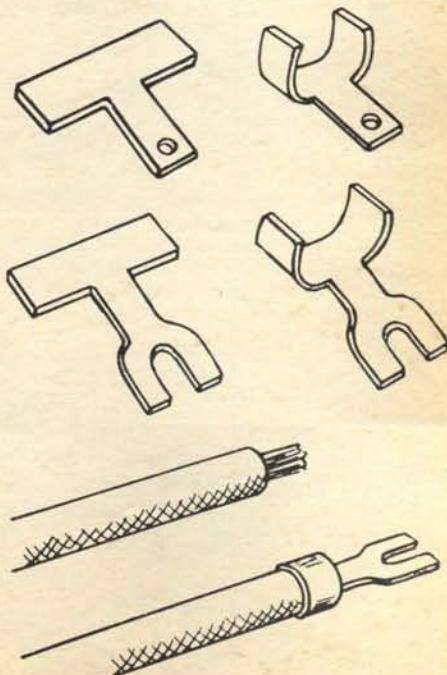
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motor is firmly clamped in place before righting the boat. If a motor is lost in deep water, mark the location with a buoy immediately. With the rescued motor in an upright position, flush the exterior with clean water, then take off the hood and remove the spark plugs, Fig. 3. Turn the flywheel by hand, Fig. 4, to determine if all parts are moving

freely. Binding means internal damage and the motor should be dismantled and inspected. A motor turning at high speed when it is submerged will suck water into the cylinders and the noncompressible liquid can cause smashed pistons and bent connecting rods. If you feel grit in the motor it also means a disassembly and cleaning job. Remove the intake silencer, if so equipped, then drain the carburetor sediment bowl, Fig. 2. If the motor turns freely, purge the water from it by pulling the starter several times, Fig. 6, with the motor in an upright position. Repeat this with the motor horizontal, and plug openings facing down. With the motor upright, squirt lightweight oil into the carburetor, Fig. 5, then pull the starter cord. Repeat until nothing but oil flows from the spark-plug openings. Now clamp the motor upside down and squirt oil into the carburetor, Fig. 7, while the flywheel is rotated to coat parts in the upper end of the motor with oil. Rinse the spark plugs in white gas, Fig. 8, clean and regap them. Reassemble the motor and try to start it. If it will not start, spray the wiring with carbon tetrachloride to remove residual moisture. Failure to start now means a magneto check. If there is no inspection port, the flywheel must be removed. To avoid the last step, try using a heat lamp, or placing the motor in the hot sun to dry out the magneto.



Photo courtesy Scott Outboard Motors

1. Loose motor clamps, a turn at excessive speed, perhaps a combination of both, has left this fellow's outboard motor dangling at the ends of the control cables. Without cables, it would be necessary to mark location with a buoy.



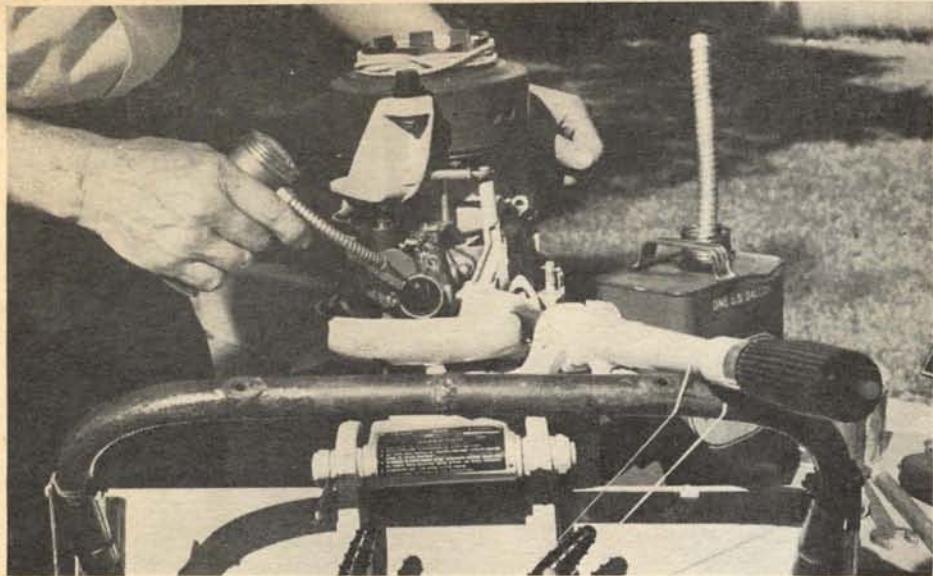
2. Sediment bowl of carburetor is removed and drained of water before attempting to start dunked outboard motor.



3. Removing spark plugs is necessary before turning over motor to determine if there has been any internal damage.



4. Flywheel is used to turn motor by hand to "feel" for damaged parts, or presence of grit inside the motor.



5. After purging water from motor, oil is squirted into carburetor to coat parts inside with protective film. Hold throttle and choke valves open so oil is forced inside engine. Pump-type oiler should be used for this job. Be generous with the oil.



6. After oil is squirted into carburetor, motor is turned with starter cord until only pure oil flows from spark-plug holes.



7. Motor then is clamped in inverted position and oil squirted in carburetor.

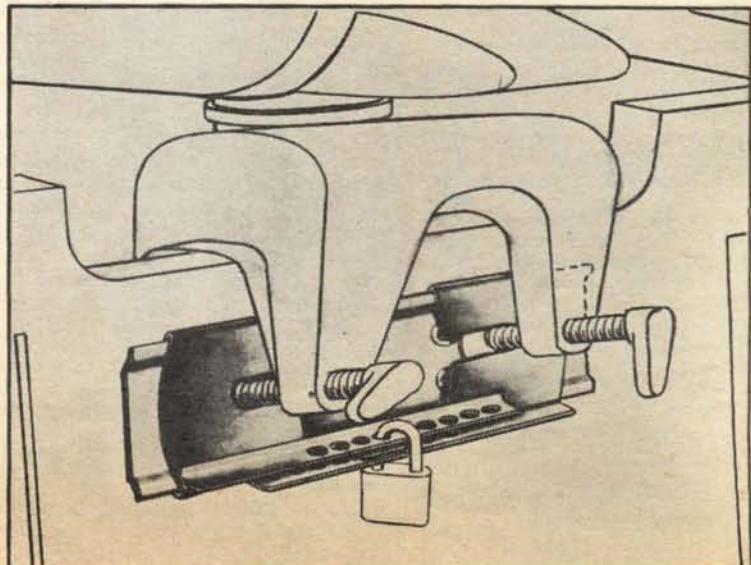


8. Spark plugs removed from "drowned" motor are rinsed in white gasoline, cleaned and regapped to specifications. Also wipe body and porcelain of plug with dry cloth.

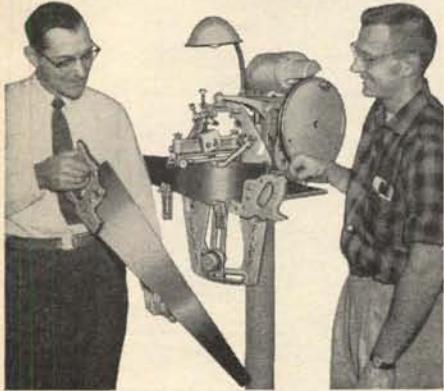
If submerged in silt-filled water, the cooling system of an outboard should be flushed according to the manufacturer's directions.

A vented fuel tank may be contaminated with water when a boat capsizes, and the tank should be emptied and flushed with clean gasoline before it is used. A safety chain, or device such as in Fig. 9, will prevent losing an outboard motor. △△

9. Homemade chain and lock, or device such as "Davy Jones Locker" shown here, available from Williams and Scott Co., Box 7429, No. Kansas City 16, Mo., will prevent loss of motor even though clamps become loosened, or boat should capsize in deep water.



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## HI-FI GLOSSARY

**AMPLIFIER**—Third unit in hi-fi set; amplifies weak signal from preamp, sends it to speakers.

**AM**—(Amplitude Modulation) Radio broadcasting method in which power of transmitted frequency is modulated by audio frequencies.

**BAFFLE**—Partition in speaker enclosure for improving sounds produced.

**CARTRIDGE**—Device on pickup arm of phonograph that contains stylus.

**COAXIAL SPEAKER**—Two speakers, one mounted inside the other. One handles high frequencies, the other low frequencies.

**CPS**—Cycles per second.

**CROSSOVER NETWORK**—Circuitry that divides high and low-frequency signals in amplifier to send them to different speakers.

**DAMPING**—In relation to sound, eliminating vibration. Also, loudspeakers and phonograph pickups are damped to prevent them being effected by outside electrical signals and vibrations.

**DECIBEL**—Unit describing sound intensity. This is logarithmic measurement; increase of ten times sound intensity is described by doubling decibel power of original sound level.

**DISTORTION**—Your ears tell you about this; reproduced sounds are not true copy of sounds originally broadcast or recorded.

**ENCLOSURE**—(Speaker Enclosure) Box in which loudspeaker is mounted. Design of box is such that sound waves from rear of speaker do not interfere with sound waves from front.

**EQUALIZATION**—While most phonograph records now produced are equalized with RIAA curve, records produced before 1954 have various equalization curves and a switch on most tuners permits changing to match a particular curve. When phonograph records and tapes are made, low frequencies are de-emphasized, high frequencies are strengthened. Record player must then boost low frequencies and hold down high frequencies. De-emphasis of low frequencies is greatest at low end of scale, decreases as frequency increases. When point is reached where record is "flat," that is, an exact reproduction of the recorded sound, phenomena is called "turnover." Accent on higher frequencies increases as frequency rises. Equipment that reproduces sound from record is designed to "roll off" on increasing angle as sound frequencies rise.

**EXPONENTIAL HORN**—Loudspeaker horn, the length of which increases in exact ratio with diameter increases.

**FEEDBACK**—When vibrations from speaker effect record player or amplifier, it is called "acoustical feedback." In some amplifiers there is circuit that sends impulses from later stage into earlier one to control amplification; this is "electrical feedback."

**FLUTTER**—The pitch of sound produced by record player or tape machine "flutters" due to fluctuations of mechanisms.

**FREQUENCY**—Recurrence rate for definite length of time. Between 20 cps and 20,000 cps is considered normal range of audible sound.

**FM (Frequency Modulation)** Radio-broadcasting method in which varying frequency of sounds transmitted varies radio carrier wave.

**FRONT-LOADING**—Speaker enclosure designed so sound waves from front of speaker increase efficiency of the speaker.

**FUNDAMENTAL RESONANCE**—Any object floating in space has point at which it will start vibrating in sympathy with sound-producing source. Lowest frequency at which this phenomena occurs is called its fundamental resonance.

**GAIN**—Percentage of increase in magnification of electronic signal in each amplifier stage.

**HEAD**—Electromagnet in tape recorder that impresses lines of force on tape, or changes lines of force into electric current for reproducing sounds.

**HUM**—Leakage of AC current into audio section of phonograph or radio produces 60-cycle sound.

**HYSTERESIS — SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR**—Speed of this type motor is directly proportional to frequency of AC current that powers it.

**IM**—Intermodulation; distortion.

**LEVEL CONTROL**—Volume control. Also, control at input of amplifier that controls amount of electrical signal from program source that is fed to the amplifier.

**LINEARITY**—Accurate reproduction of all frequencies on a record by a phonograph.

**LOADING**—Increasing loudspeaker sound by better coupling with the air. Front-loading uses waves from front of speaker, rear-loading uses waves from rear.

**PENTODE**—Tube with five elements. More powerful than triode, but less accurate in signal magnification.

**PHASE**—One part of sound wave compresses air, other part rarefies it. Sounds are in phase when they compress at same time, are out of phase when one compresses while other rarefies.

**PICKUP**—Arm on phonograph that contains stylus (needle).

PREAMPLIFIER — Second part of hi-fi set. It magnifies weak signal from program source so amplifier then can handle it.

RESPONSE — Flat response of phonograph shows it handles all frequencies equally, as required. The greater the response curve, the poorer the sound reproduction.

SURFACE NOISE — Scratching sounds produced in phonograph due to dust or damage in record grooves.

STYLUS — Correct name for phonograph "needle," that actually has rounded point and is not needle-sharp.

TONE ARM — Arm on phonograph that contains cartridge and the stylus.

TRACKING ERROR — Phono records are cut by stylus held on straight bar, tone arm on phonograph moves in arc. Difference between two is tracking error.

TRACKING WEIGHT — Amount of pressure stylus applies on groove of record.

TRANSIENT RESPONSE — Refers to characteristics of phonograph that permit instant response to starting or stopping of recorded sound.

TRIODE — Basic amplification tube in most amplifiers, it has three elements.

TUNER — Can be first step of hi-fi set. Receives radio signals, but has neither amplifier nor loudspeakers.

TWEETER — Only high-frequency sounds are produced by this small-size speaker.

WOOFER — Usually biggest speaker, it produces only low-frequency sounds.

WOW — Speed of phono turntable or tape-recorder mechanism varies slightly, causing slow changes in pitch of sound produced; unpleasant distortion of sound.

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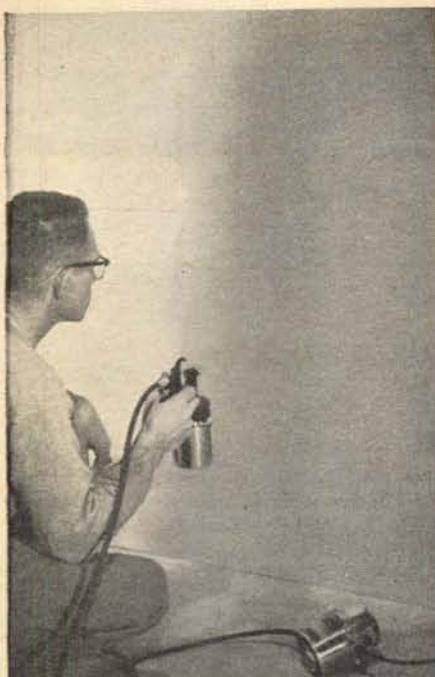
WHILE THE MAIN use for a paint sprayer is to apply paint, this certainly should not be considered its only job. To prove this point we took the "Sprayit 400" and the "Speedy Sprayer" from the Model Shop and used them for just a few of the many possible applications around a home. But, just to prevent any confusion, we did start with paint, although it is a type not often considered sprayable in a home-size unit. Most modern multi-color paints can be applied with brush, roller or spray, although some types are to be sprayed only. The Vari-Krom paint we used, Figs. 1 and 2, has a water vehicle, which means that it can be thinned with water and the spray gun and equipment cleaned with water. We did spray solvent through the gun afterward to remove water that might cause rust and corrosion. As with most multi-color paints, a base coat of a compatible color is applied first, Fig. 1, then the multi-color material is applied, Fig. 2. Spray-type cans of the multi-color paint, Fig. 3, are available for touch-up jobs, or projects too small to require a spray gun.

We found the light-duty (it produces about 18 lb. pressure) Sprayit 400 ideal for such things as spraying insecticide, Fig. 4, applying wax to a floor, Fig. 5, and putting a finish coat of varnish on furniture being

refinished, Fig. 6. The regular nozzle was used for all this work. With multi-color paint a different needle and nozzle are required. The advantages of the Sprayit unit are that it is lightweight and compact, requiring a minimum of storage space. The gun is almost all plastic and is light enough for even a child to handle with no fatigue, Fig. 2.

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Every home workshop should have a paint sprayer. In the winter it can be used for refinishing furniture, waxing floors and painting ceilings and walls. In the summer the whole yard can be sprayed with insecticide before a lawn or patio party, wading pools and toys can be inflated, window screens can be sprayed. △△



1. Regular needle and nozzle are used to spray on base coat for multi-color paint.



2. Needle and nozzle of "Sprayit 400" are changed when applying multi-color coat.



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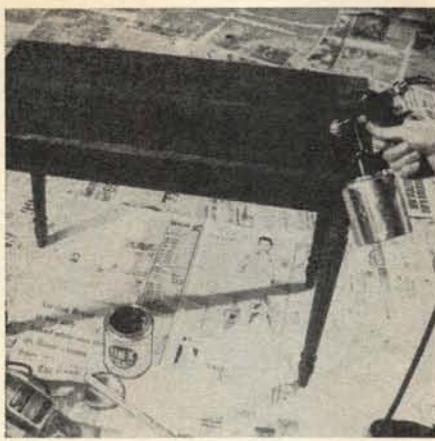
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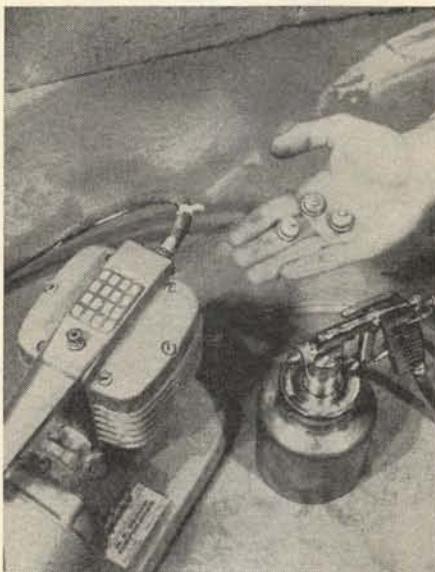
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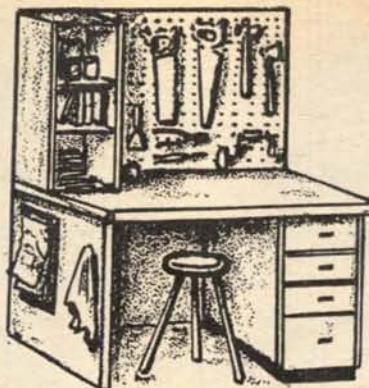
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Each issue in this column we will choose questions on home and shop subjects from letters sent to us. Only those questions which have wide ap-

peal will be answered here. Questions on specialized subjects will be answered by individual letter from the Research Editor's desk.



Dear Research Editor:

My home is just two years old, but I am having trouble with windows. My picture window has nine lights in it, each measuring approximately 2 x 3 ft. The glass is simply set between wood strips with just a little, if any putty. Other than removing several dozen ¼- x 1-in. strips, taking out the glass and setting them in putty, then re-nailed the strips, how can I seal the glass so driving rains do not cause water to be forced through the frames? Also I have a small glass in the front door that leaks, installed in the same way.

J. R., Elgin, Ill.

Dear Mr. J. R.:

In the matter of the 9-light window we suggest you first wait until the weather is dry for about a week, then scrape and wire-brush away any loose paint in the wooden strips around each light. Next, nail all the strips firmly in place if any are loose. Now, paint all the strips—and window frames too to assure all of them being the same color. After the paint is dried thoroughly, apply a fillet of glazing putty all around each light. Use a ¼- or ¾-in. wood chisel when smoothing the putty so it is forced firmly into any openings be-

tween the glass and the frame strips. It will be necessary, of course, to paint the putty when it has set. The small window in the door can be sealed by removing the retaining strips on one side, then taking out the glass and applying a bed of putty all around the opening. The glass then is pressed firmly into the putty so it is forced up and out the opposite side where it later can be cleaned off when the job is done. A thin strip of putty now is applied between the glass and the opening, then the retaining strips are pressed firmly into place so the putty again is forced up and out to assure a tight seal. Finally, the retaining strips are nailed back in place.

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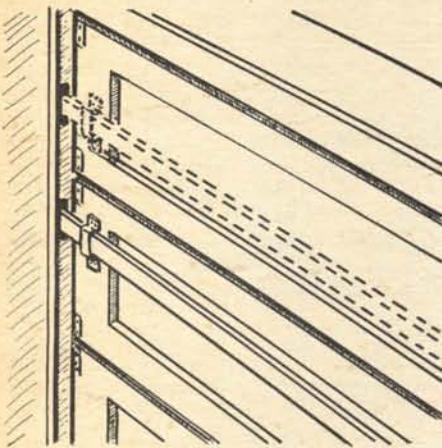
I have an overhead garage door and I would like to be able to open it a little way in order to provide ventilation, yet be able to lock it so that children and intruders could not get in. Is there some simple way that this can be done?

Mrs. D. W., Glens Falls, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. D. W.:

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side track at the marked point, cut the rest of the material out with a hacksaw blade, and finish with a file to smooth the edges. The job is done. The idea you have intrigued us and we did it on our garage door.



#### Research Department:

Although I have weatherstripped our back door, it still rattles whenever there is a fairly strong wind. Is there some way of tightening the latch to stop this?

Mr. L. C., Tenn.

Dear Mr. L. C.:

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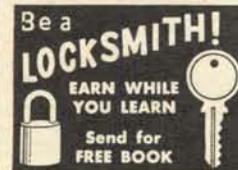
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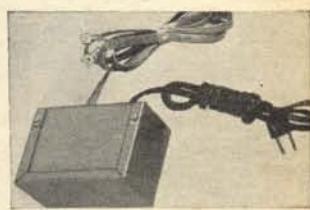
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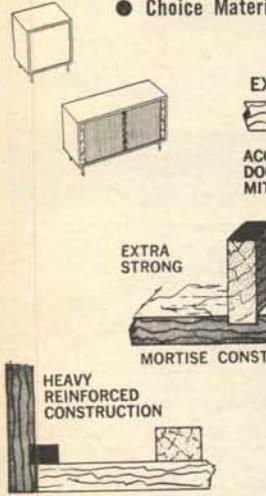
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publicized. This is the phase where a problem develops shortly after the guarantee is up and you, as the owner, stand the cost of fixing the trouble. Your problem should prove neither too costly nor much work to fix. What has happened is that the backfill around the house has settled and the weight of the concrete slab has carried it down to solid ground. When it's fixed now, it shouldn't happen again. What you must do is to pry the slab up—higher than it should be to allow for earth compaction—pack dirt or stones under it, and let it back down. To pry up such a heavy weight, get a long—10 or 12 ft.—clear-grained 4x4 or pole to use as your lever. Dig out under the side of the bad slab in order to get a firm purchase with the end of the pole, lay several heavy planks for the pole to rest on about 2 ft. back from the end of the pole. Have a heavy helper bear down on the end of the pole to raise the slab. You may have to take several bites on it to get it high enough. To do this, lift the slab as high as you can, then block up under it to hold it. Go through this again after putting more blocks under the pole fulcrum point. A word of caution: be very careful not to, at any time, get your hands or any other part of your body under the slab! Use a stick or shovel to poke material under the slab. When it has been raised to the proper level—plus a little higher to allow for settling, pack in dirt tightly, remove blocks, replace sod, if any has been removed, and the job is done. It is seldom that an uneven slab must be removed and repoured. Generally it can be evened up as suggested. If this problem should occur in a driveway, the procedure varies somewhat due to the additional weight of the larger slab. Here, rather than a pry pole, a hole is dug along the side to allow a house jack to fit under the edge. Lifting is done with the jack, but filling under the slab is the same as for a walk.



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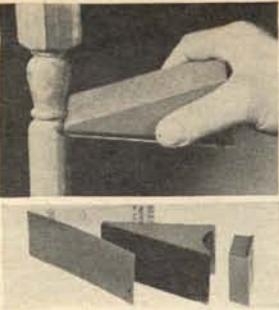


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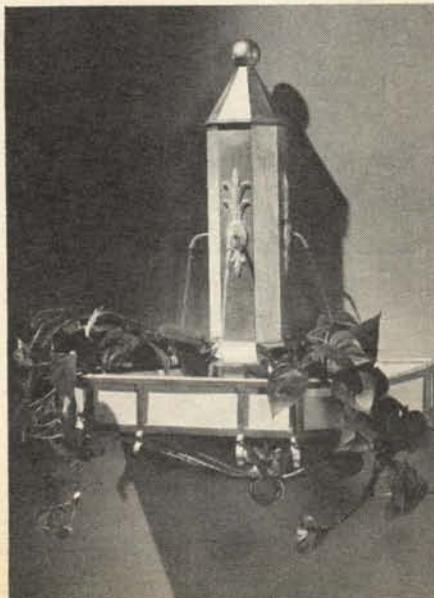
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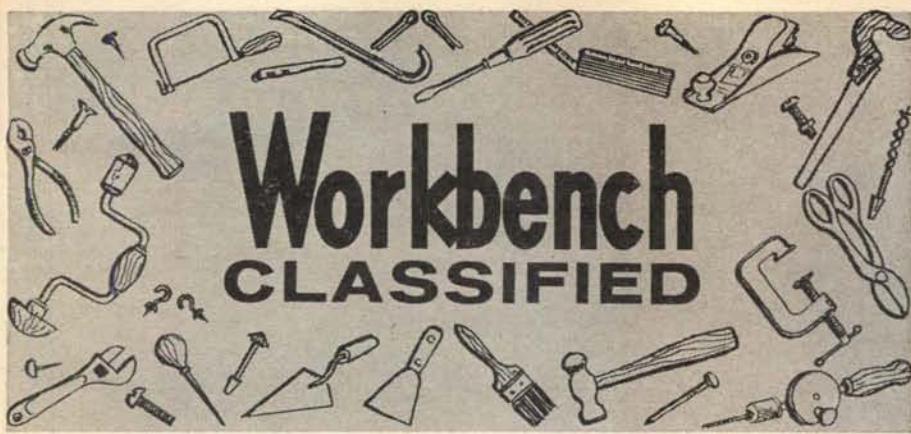
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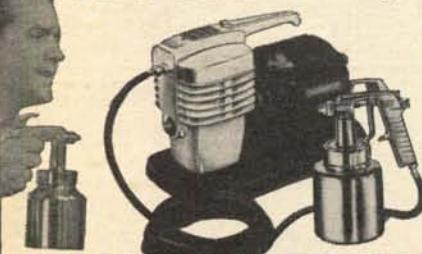
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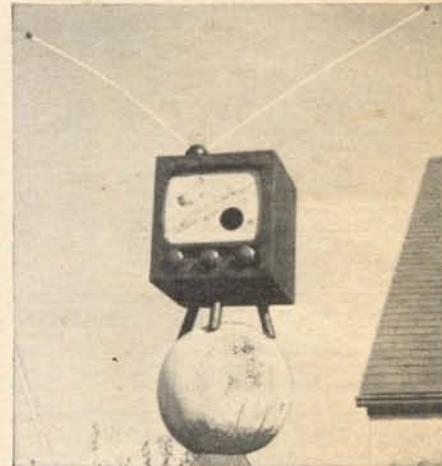
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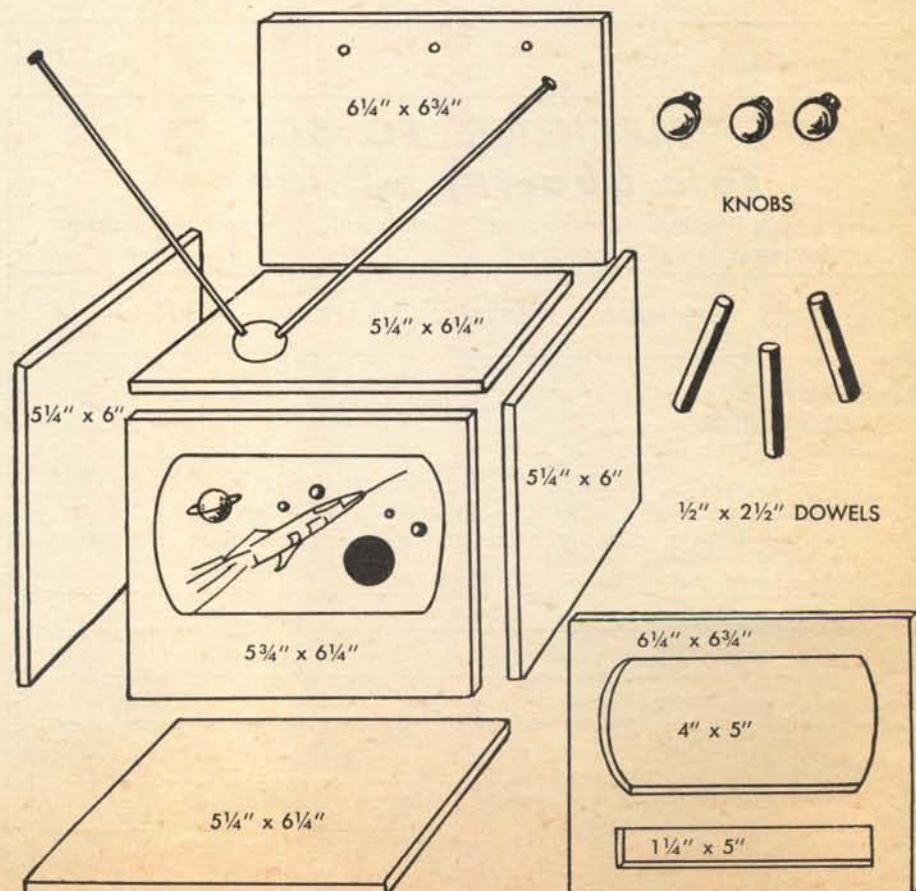
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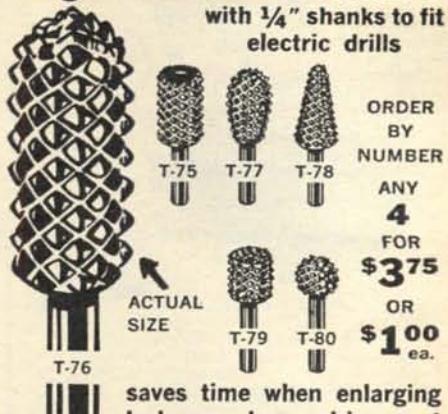
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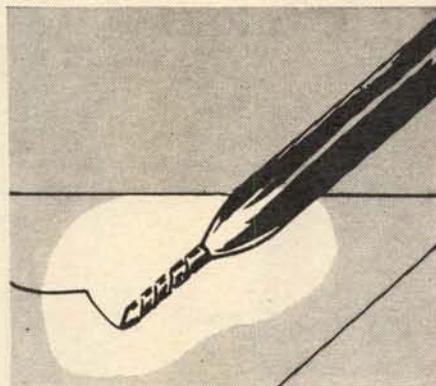
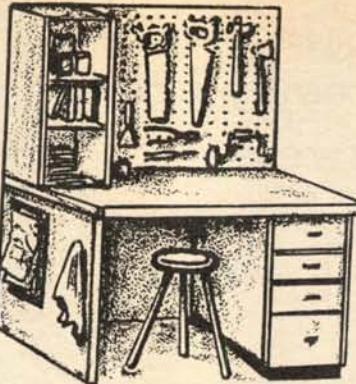
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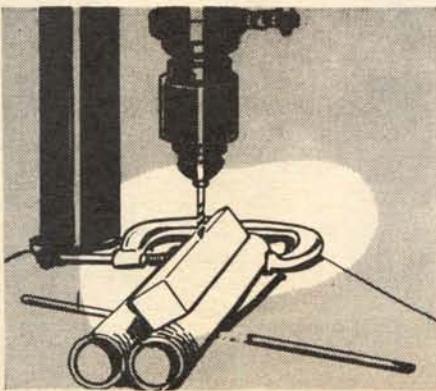
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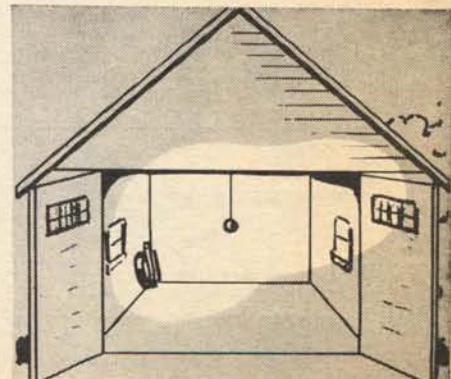
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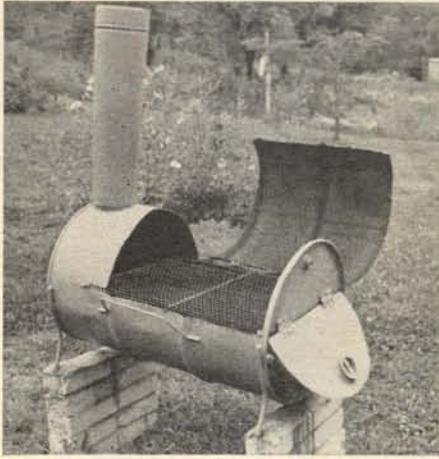
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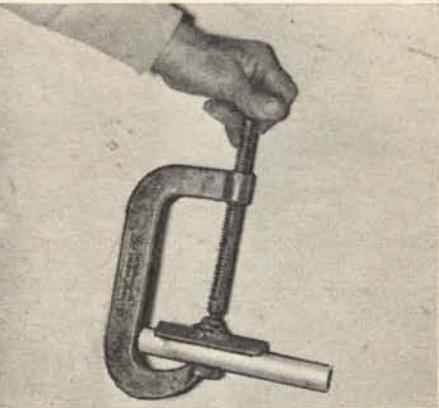
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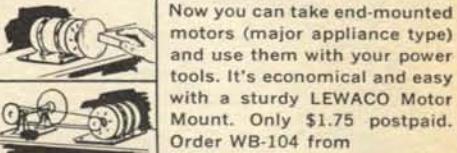
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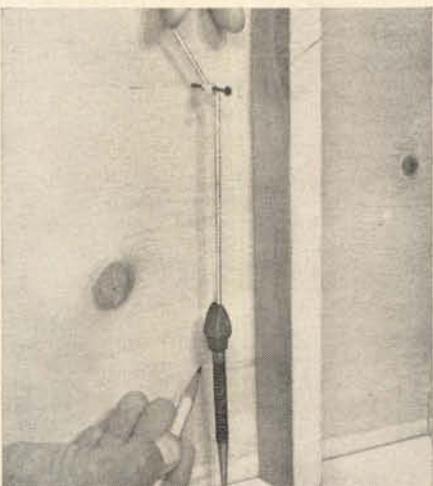
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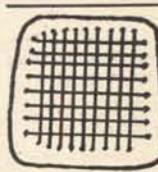
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